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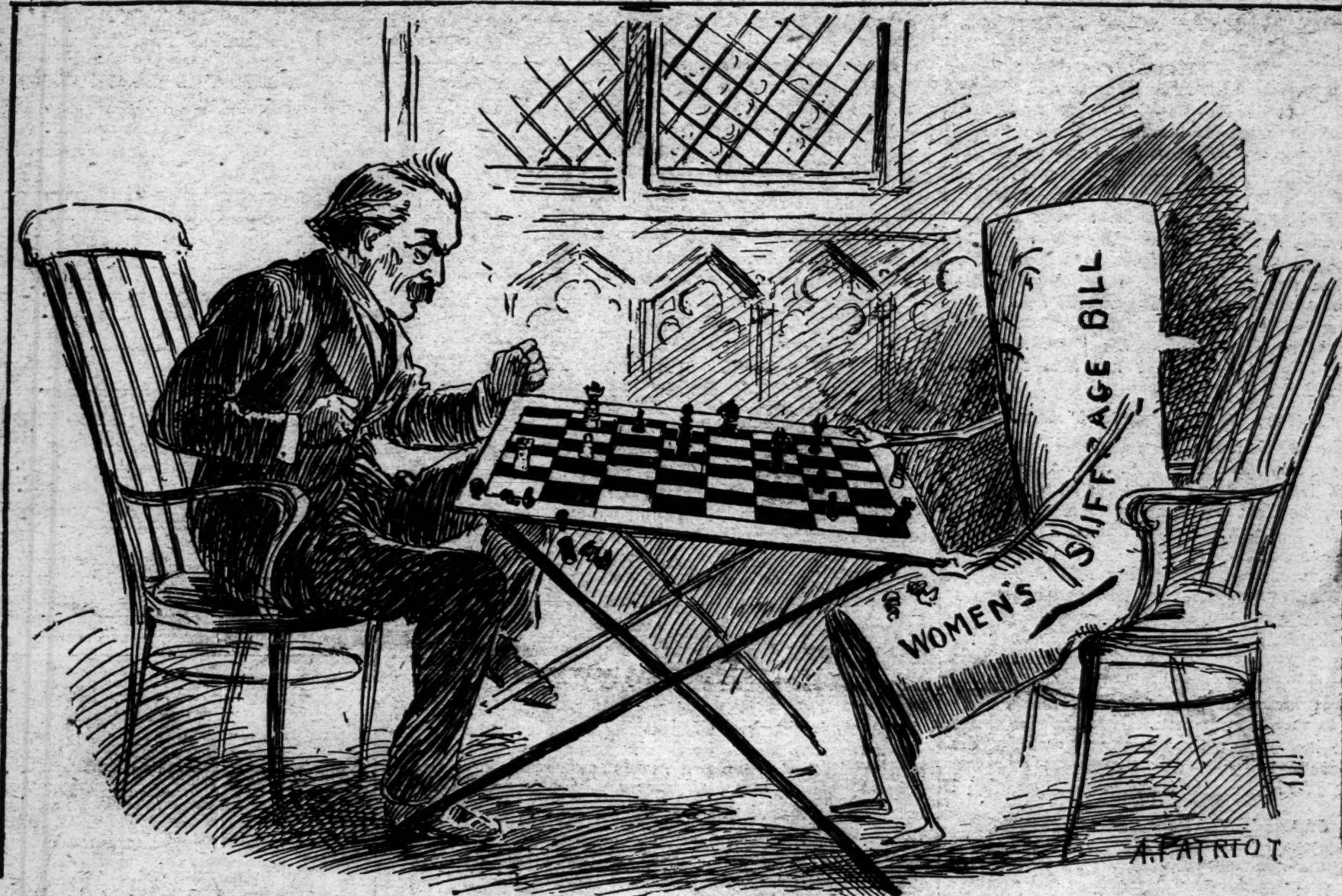
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WOMAN SUFFRAGIST : "Check!"

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE (upsetting the board) : "What about that for the next move?"

[But Mr. Lloyd George will find that the Umpire does not give the game to him.]

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

On Tuesday last the Prime Minister made the announcement that it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Franchise Bill next session. This Bill will sweep away the existing qualifications for the franchise and will substitute the single one of residence. It will be confined to adult males; women will be excluded. It is therefore to be a Manhood Suffrage Bill.

Anti-Government Policy Resumed.

From this announcement it will be seen that the Government have decided to range themselves definitely

in opposition to Woman Suffrage. In spite of the fact that there is an agitation for giving votes to women which is national in its scope and unprecedented in its magnitude, and that there is no agitation for Manhood Suffrage, the Government are proposing to give more votes to men and none to women. In consequence of this attitude of direct hostility on the part of the Government, the Women's Social and Political Union have decided to resume immediately their militant anti-Government policy.

Deputation Fixed for November 21.

In our leading article this week Miss Christabel Pankhurst deals fully with the whole situation, and announces that a deputation of women, headed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, will proceed to wait upon the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George on Tuesday, November 21. Further particulars of this deputation are given on page 82. In addition the W.S.P.U. will oppose all the Government candidates at by-elections, and will take every other means in their power of making their opposition to the Government effective.

Adult Suffragists on the Situation.

The Prime Minister's statement has provided a test by which the sincerity of so-called adult suffragists can be judged. When it was proposed to secure an extension of the franchise to a million women, this party professed to see in the suggestion a false move; the "half loaf" was in their opinion worse than "no bread." Now that the Government have announced their intention of adding 2½ million male votes and of

leaving women out altogether they are apparently satisfied, and propose to await with complacency the fate of a private member's amendment on the question of Woman Suffrage.

Views of the Press.

We give at considerable length on pp. 83 and 84 extracts from the London Press of Wednesday upon the pronouncement. The *Daily News* says that adult suffrage becomes a "moral certainty," while its Lobby Correspondent points out that the proposal "goes one better than the adult amendments to the Conciliation Bill." The *Morning Leader* frankly describes the Government Bill as "Adult Suffrage," and decides that with or without women the passing of the Bill will be a great advantage. The *Daily Chronicle* says:—

The Government's policy may on the one hand cut the ground from under the Conciliation Bill, while on the other reducing the support at present available for woman suffrage.

The *Daily Mail* describes the attitude of the Government as the "abnegation of leadership." Both the *Evening Standard* and the *Globe* see in the announcement a trick to dodge the woman suffragist, and the latter adds:—

Already she has begun to protest, and quite rightly, against the project, under which she will be left to the tender mercies of a private amendment. We are no friends of female suffrage, but anything more contemptible than the attitude assumed by the Government, it is difficult to imagine.

The *Times* says it gives Members of Parliament an excuse for breaking their pledges.

The "Manchester Guardian."

The *Manchester Guardian* has not yet declared its attitude, but the London letter of Wednesday contains

a reference to the position of the W.S.P.U. as follows:—

The Women's Social and Political Union has made up its mind at once, and has declared war. They have received the announcement made to-day with the greatest indignation, and regard it as an act of extreme hostility to women's suffrage. They are therefore going to adopt immediately their regular anti-Government policy and revive militant action. They say that the suggestion that they should rely upon an amendment to the Reform Bill is quite ridiculous, and an insult to their intelligence. They rejected that offer when it was made some time ago, and they are deliberately of opinion that the policy now announced by the Prime Minister confirms absolutely all they have said as to Mr. Lloyd George's hostility to women's suffrage. In their eyes he and the Government have come out as definite opponents of women's suffrage, and they will fight accordingly.

In a subsequent paragraph, reproduced on page 84, the suggestion is made that if the Manhood Suffrage Bill is carried through the Commons it may be passed by the Lords at once, who will thus compel a dissolution, while still holding up the Home Rule Bill and the Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

Women Under the Insurance Bill.

On Thursday, in last week, the House of Commons devoted half a day to the consideration and passage of Clause 34 of the Insurance Bill, by which the whole position of married women and widows is determined. The amendments anticipated in our last week's issue by Mr. Pethick Lawrence were carried. Under these amendments a few married women who are able to contribute out of the family income 3d. a week in addition to the 4d. paid in on behalf of their husband's sickness insurance and 2½d. on behalf of his unemployment insurance, will obtain a contribution of 1d. a week from the State. Out of this fund they will obtain, when sick, free medical attendance, and 5s. a week for the first thirteen weeks and 3s. a week afterwards. Those who do not pay this 3d. will be allowed to draw on the fund they had accumulated before marriage to the extent of 5s. a week during confinement, and 5s. a week under certain extraordinary circumstances in the discretion of those administering the benefit. This withdrawal will deplete the fund available for sick insurance of widows.

2d. for Father, 1d. (perhaps) for Mother.

Contrast the position of fathers and mothers under the Bill thus amended. Fathers will all get 2d. a week out of State money; a few mothers will get 1d., the rest, nothing. Fathers will be entitled to sanatorium benefit, but mothers will not. Fathers will get 10s. a week sick benefit for the first 13 weeks; a few mothers will get 5s. a week, the rest, nothing. Fathers will all get 5s. a week after 13 weeks, and a pension to this amount when old; a few mothers will get 3s., the rest, nothing. The widowers will all be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured. This is the Bill which anti-Suffragists were confident could be amended, by indirect influence, without votes, so as to be as fair to women as to men. Now that they have proved to be incorrect, we are anxiously awaiting the announcement that Mrs. Humphry Ward and her colleagues have decided to join a woman suffrage society!

Justice in the Police Court.

The trial of Miss Sime Seruya at Bow Street and the judgment of the case delivered by the magistrate, Sir Albert de Rutzen, should prove to any impartial observer the futility of hoping to obtain justice in a police court. Miss Seruya brought six witnesses, who gave clear and unequivocal testimony of her innocence. Against this was simply the evidence of the police, who alleged obstruction. The police evidence was shown to be incorrect on a question of fact—namely, on the suggestion that she was selling copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Yet the magistrate said he accepted the evidence of the police and passed judgment accordingly.

The Albert Hall Meeting.

In view of the Prime Minister's statement special interest attaches to the Albert Hall meeting next Thursday, when the W.S.P.U. position will be clearly defined. Particulars will be found on page 84.

THE DEPUTATION.

November 21, 1911.

A Deputation of women will leave Caxton Hall on Thursday, November 21 (at an hour to be announced later), for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George in order to express their indignation at the announcement of a Government measure for Manhood Suffrage, and in order to demand that this measure be abandoned and that in its stead a Government Bill shall be introduced containing guarantees that women shall have equal voting rights with men.

The Deputation, which has stood in readiness for action ever since November, 1910, has already been joined by many volunteers. In view of the present most grave crisis women are urged to come forward in overwhelming numbers and to enrol themselves as members of the Deputation. Offers of this service should be sent to 4, Clements Inn, at once.

The following telegram has come from Mrs. Saul Solomon:—"Strongly support reverting to anti-Government policy. Am undergoing treatment in order to join in our next deputation, but ready at any moment for danger service. Yours for every sacrifice."

TREASURER'S NOTE.

The one event upon which all the hearts of members of the Union are concentrated at the present time is the forthcoming great demonstration in the Royal Albert Hall. This meeting has become especially important in view of the statement made by the Prime Minister, that a Bill will be introduced next session, giving votes to all men to the exclusion of all women. A declaration of the immediate policy of the W.S.P.U. will be made, and a resolution embodying our reply to the insult offered to womanhood will be submitted to the great gathering. Every one of the eleven monster meetings held in the Albert Hall during the last four years has brought a great accession of vitality and strength to this movement. There is something almost miraculous in the effort of numbers upon the human mind. The sight of tier after tier filled with human faces, the sense of expectancy, the response that comes from thousands of hearts at once, exercise an uplifting influence upon our hearts and a confirming touch upon our faith and our determination. But not only are the adherents of the movement influenced by a demonstration of numbers and of strength, but opponents are impressed also by the futility of attempting to impede this great tide of human progress. The echo which the great world usually hears comes to it in the form of a line or two in the daily newspapers stating the total of the sum of money that has been raised to carry on the campaign. I know that every member of the Union is thinking now what she personally can do in order that the great records of the past may be sustained next Thursday. One or two have already written to say what they are going to do. One of these most prized letters has reached me from Miss Mordan, who is being nursed by her friends at Bexhill-on-Sea. She tells me that her cheque for £100 will be forthcoming on the night of the 16th, and adds that if her illness were not so exceedingly expensive she would send more. But she adds, "I have one more jewel to offer for the Cause, and it is, I think, the last. It is a ring in its case, in perfect preservation. The ring is one large opal surrounded with diamonds; not any of your Australian opals which are one-half the value, but a genuine Hungarian opal. With regard to its value, my father had this ring made for me out of stones he had bought separately. I remember him telling me at the time that no West End jeweller would sell the ring under £50." She adds that she will be quite content if the ring is purchased for £20, since the money can be devoted to this Cause which she has loved and served all her life. The ring will be offered for £20 at the Albert Hall next Thursday, and can be seen in the meantime at the Treasury Office, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. We are told that chains and rings were originally the fetters which marked the slave status of those who wore them. If that tradition is correct, how significant it is that a woman should give her rings and chains and jewels to the very last one in order that she may help to free her sisters from those fetters which hold them in political subjection.

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MANHOOD SUFFRAGE BILL NEXT YEAR.

Government's Scheme for Defeating Woman Suffrage.

The Prime Minister announced on Tuesday to a deputation of the People's Suffrage Federation that it was the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for Manhood Suffrage next Session. The Bill would proceed on the lines of establishing a simple residential qualification for the franchise, and would be of such a form that it would be possible to move an amendment so as to make the word man include woman.

The Prime Minister received the deputation in his private room at the House of Commons. He was accompanied by the Master of Elibank (Chief Government Whip) and Mr. Vaughan Nash (private secretary).

Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., in introducing the deputation, said that the memorial in favour of adult suffrage was presented on behalf of the Parliamentary Council, which worked in connection with the People's Suffrage Federation. They were anxious, for obvious reasons, that the Government should make some pronouncement with regard to the question of the extension of the franchise.

Taking the last figures, they found that, whereas the population of the country was something like 45,000,000, there were only 7,504,655 enfranchised. That was nothing like a fair representation of the people of this country, and they believed the House of Commons ought to represent, as accurately and as completely as possible, the mind of the entire nation. Then there was another reason he wanted to urge. The Prime Minister was an old lawyer, and Mr. Henderson himself was an old registration agent, and lawyers and registration agents knew something about the curious anomalies associated with the securing of registration for those entitled to it under the present franchise laws. He believed that registration was to-day governed by some thirty or forty different statutes, and the whole system was full of anomalies. Mr. Henderson also referred to the disadvantages applying to the electors under the "latchkey" system, pointing out that in two counties 10,000 persons had been disqualified, and in London something like 3,500. That was a strong argument in favour of something being done. What they desired was the concession of adult suffrage, and he used the term in its broadest sense to include women. They thought the most effective way of getting something done was to have a simple franchise dealing with the adult and not with property, and in securing that they would have to sweep away the whole of the very serious and unfortunate conditions of registration law.

The Rev. Silvester Horne, M.P., said that the simplest way out of the difficulty was the frank adoption of simple citizen rights, and this would also be the line of least resistance.

Mr. Walter Rea, M.P., the hon. secretary, said that women's suffrage must come, and there were only two alternatives—a limited Bill and adult suffrage. They viewed with alarm the prospect of going to the country with the Conciliation Bill passed in anything like its present form.

MR. ASQUITH'S REPLY.

Mr. Asquith, in reply, expressed his pleasure in receiving the memorial, which he saw was signed by ninety members of the House of Commons. One topic which was introduced by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Rea, on which it would be well he should say a word, was that of woman suffrage. His opinions on woman suffrage were, he thought, fairly well known, and they had suffered no modification or change during the last few years. But with regard to the so-called Conciliation Bill—it was not a term which he would have chosen for it—with regard to this Bill which went by that name, the Government, whatever might be the opinions of individual members, had given distinct and definite pledges, and by those they must abide and intended to abide. The pledges were that if the Bill was introduced in the next Session of Parliament, on the assumption that its title was sufficiently wide to admit of a complete and thoroughgoing amendment in the sense which he understood that the deputation desired, on that assumption, and that assumption only, it would receive the facilities which were

asked for, and which they had agreed to give.

That was the position with regard to the Conciliation Bill. But, of course, a much larger question was raised by the memorial. His own views on the subject of adult suffrage had been frequently expressed, and he thought they were fairly well known; but he had the greatest pleasure in taking that opportunity of repeating them. As late as February in the present year, a deputation from the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress waited upon him with reference to that subject, and he then used these words:—"We believe a man's right to vote depends upon his being a citizen, and *prima facie* a man who is a citizen of full age and competent understanding ought to be entitled to a vote, but he ought not to be entitled to more than one." That represented the views of all present, and he had long been of the opinion that there was only one way in which this question could be settled upon a sure, rational, and lasting foundation, and that was by abolishing once and for all the technical distinctions which at present existed in the different categories of qualification—lodger, property owner, occupier, rated resident householder, and the like. On that sufficiently wide number of trunks had also been grafted a larger number of subsidiary excrescences. The whole thing must be swept away. The thing must be placed on the only rational foundation—that a man who had satisfied the conditions he had laid down, and was a *bona-fide* resident or inhabitant in the neighbourhood when he claimed a vote, should be automatically, without any effort of his own, and by the machinery of a public officer and at the public expense, invested with the full power of the franchise. That was a very simple, intelligible position, and certainly, as far as he could forecast the probable course of legislation, that would be the principle upon which legislation would proceed.

Franchise Bill Next Session.

Speaking for himself and not for the Government, he necessarily parted company with them when they said that the term "man" must include "woman." But any Bill introduced would be introduced in such a form that it would be open to the House of Commons if it pleased to make that extension and amendment to it. He said that by way of parenthesis, in order that it might not be supposed that he had gone back on anything he had said in the past. On the main principle that they must put the franchise on this simple and rational foundation, he was entirely with the deputation, and it was the intention of the Government in the next Session of Parliament to introduce a measure of itself on very simple lines with the object of carrying that principle into effect. They would not expect him to go beyond that, but they would, he hoped, bear in mind the complications which were introduced by the distinction between the two sexes.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

THE STANDARD.

Mr. Asquith was careful to explain that his own views as to endowing women with the vote had undergone no change, but he was prepared to introduce a Bill in such a way that it would be open to the House of Commons, if it pleased, to extend the franchise to the female sex. This point is interesting as showing Mr. Asquith's conception of his duties and position as first Minister of the Crown. If there is one subject on which he feels strongly, it is the inadvisability of creating a vast class of women voters for Parliamentary purposes. He has consistently, in the strongest and plainest terms, expressed his opinion that such a change in our electoral system would be a disaster to the nation. His contempt of woman as a potentiality in politics is undoubtedly sincere. Statesmen often cling to their prejudices long after they have jettisoned their principles, but Mr. Asquith, it seems, is willing even in this matter to follow where he should lead, and will cheerfully sacrifice his most cherished convictions if they happen to be unpopular. We do not, indeed, suppose that he runs much risk in trusting to the sense of the House of Commons on this particular subject. Avid as the

Radicals are for change of any sort, it can hardly be supposed that a majority will be found in favour of so profound a modification, for good or ill, of our electoral system as would be involved in a wholesale scheme of Woman Suffrage. Even the most hot-headed supporter of female emancipation would hesitate before placing, by a single decree, every girl over twenty-one on the Parliamentary register. Still, it is a bad precedent to cast the onus of a decision of such magnitude on the private member. The Minister who brings forward so grave a measure should have the courage of his convictions, and be prepared to bear full responsibility for the changes he initiates.

THE TIMES.

There is dismay and wrath among the Woman Suffragists, who see a mine exploded under the so-called Conciliation Bill. That Bill they hoped to carry through the House, in which a large number of members are hampered by pledges hastily given to obviate opposition, and perhaps now viewed with regret. They are all provided now with an excellent excuse for doing nothing; for it is obvious that if a truly democratic Woman Suffrage measure is to be in the hands of the House next Session, it would be absurd to waste time in tinkering the question. On the other hand, Adult Woman Suffrage is not what many ardent Suffragists desire, and there is the further possibility that the House of Commons may recoil from a wholesale creation of feminine votes which would give woman a predominant electoral power throughout the country.

THE DAILY CHRONICLE.

What will be the effect of the introduction of this Bill upon the cause of female suffrage? That is a question which it is easier to ask than to answer, for the situation will be very complicated. The Prime Minister reiterated alike his own strong opposition to female suffrage in any form and his pledge to give a fair field to an amended Conciliation Bill next Session. But the basis of that Bill is a restricted franchise, and will it be able to stand when in the Government's Bill all restrictions in the case of males are to be swept away? If we are to adopt the principle that individual citizenship, and that alone, is the true test of political rights—if we are going to broaden the basis on which government rests, so as to include every adult male, will it in the long run be possible to exclude half the population on a test of sex? On the other hand, it is the Conciliation Bill which (as its name indicates) unites the greatest number of supporters of female suffrage. There are many friends of that Bill who are not ready as yet to see every adult female enfranchised. The Government's policy may thus, on the one hand, cut the ground from under the Conciliation Bill, while, on the other, reducing the support at present available for the cause of Women's Suffrage.

THE DAILY NEWS.

The memorial, in answer to which Mr. Asquith made his statement, urged Adult Suffrage not Manhood Suffrage. Upon the one issue of extending the franchise to women Mr. Asquith denied full satisfaction. He promised, however, to leave it to the House to add, if it so preferred, an amendment converting Manhood into Adult Suffrage. Such a course is open to criticism, but a Cabinet strongly divided as to Woman Suffrage can hardly be expected to identify itself with it or to risk disintegration on its account. Nevertheless, Mr. Asquith's undertaking makes Adult Suffrage a moral certainty, for an amendment of that nature can hardly fail to be made, and once made its fate will almost certainly be the fate of the whole Bill. Only one device that is apparent could defeat Adult Suffrage. The Lords might delete the Adult Suffrage amendment and accept the rest of the Bill; in that event the Cabinet might conceivably prefer to submit to the change rather than have recourse to its powers under the Parliament Act. This possibility may be admitted, but it is a bare possibility. The Lords are unlikely to swallow the camel and strain at the gnat.

THE DAILY GRAPHIC.

Any male, however regardless of his civic duties, is to be endowed, without effort on his part, with the right to govern his fellow-citizens; no female—if Mr. Asquith has his way—is to have any share in the government of her country, however great her capacity, however large her contributions to the public revenue.

THE DAILY MAIL.

As for the extension of the franchise to women, the policy which Mr. Asquith proposes is absolutely indefensible. Either he approves of it or he does not. If he does not approve of it, as he tells us, presumably he thinks it dangerous to the future of the country. In that case it is his plain duty to oppose it to the utmost, and not leave the issue to be determined by a chance vote in the House of Commons. This is the abnegation of leadership—the surrender of responsibility—by a Minister placed in a supreme position of trust.

THE DAILY EXPRESS.

Obviously enough, the promise of a Manhood Suffrage Bill is a vote-catching scheme, an attempt to tout for support from the

most ignorant sections of the people. And Mr. Asquith proposes to leave the question of Votes for Women to the sense of the House. What a paltry evasion! What a pitiful inconstancy! That is not a question which can be left to the sense of the House. On so vital a principle a Government must have a mind of its own. It must say *yea* or *nay*. For our part, if there were to be any question of Adult Suffrage, we should oppose to the last any partial measure which excluded thousands of educated and responsible women from the Suffrage while opening the gates of political power to mobs of utterly ignorant men.

THE EVENING STANDARD.

[The desire to unite all the forces of the coalition] is one of the motives for this gratuitous plunge into revolution. The other is that of dodging the women. The Cabinet, as everybody knows, is divided on the question of female enfranchisement. More than half its supporters are pledged in favour of this change. It is impossible for the Government to refuse facilities next Session for the so-called Conciliation Bill, the Bill which would give women the vote on the existing qualification for men; and if it is brought in the chances are that it may be carried. But Mr. Asquith and his section of the Cabinet do not want it carried; they are against the Woman's Vote on any terms. Their new scheme enables them to put the advocates of the Conciliation Bill in a dilemma. They want *some* women to have the vote. With the Reform Bill before them they will have to give the vote to *all* women or to *none*. There are plenty of men inside Parliament and without, Unionists as well as Liberals, who would think it bare justice to enfranchise females who are ratepayers and taxpayers, and see no harm in adding a million women so qualified to the registers. But when it comes to throwing ten millions in at one stroke, to giving the franchise to every labourer's wife, every scullery-maid and matchbox-maker and street flower-seller who has passed her twenty-first birthday, they will draw back. The strongest champion of "women's rights" might well hesitate before casting political responsibility, without preliminary trial or training, upon this multitude. Then our clever lawyer-Premier (with him the equally astute attorney from Carmarvon) has them in his cleft stick. You want women to have the vote? Then give it to the ten millions! You don't want the ten millions to have it? Then your qualified million shall not have it either. So certain persons of both sexes who have defied and annoyed Messrs. Asquith, Lloyd George, and Winston Churchill are "had" either way.

PALL MALL GAZETTE.

As for the Women Suffragists, the new policy seems to cut the ground completely from under the Conciliation Bill and its ingenious devices for introducing the thin end of the wedge. Under Manhood Suffrage the proposal to give votes to every woman who has the other qualifications demanded of the male elector means Womanhood Suffrage, which means a female majority in every constituency—which means something to which even the most degenerate House of Commons will never set its seal.

THE EVENING NEWS.

The advocates of Women's Suffrage will, of course, be furious. Mr. Asquith's bombshell will blow the Conciliation Bill to smithereens, for it is clearly impossible to have Manhood Suffrage for men and a property qualification for women. True, the Premier consents to leave the question of Womanhood Suffrage to the House, but he knows well enough what the decision of the House will be. The Conciliation Bill had a chance, but the larger measure has none at all.

WESTMINSTER GAZETTE.

There remains to be considered the effect of yesterday's announcement on the Woman Suffrage question. The Government are pledged next Session to afford facilities for the Conciliation Bill, provided that it is introduced (as, of course, it will be) in such a form as to permit of "complete and thorough-going amendment" (we are quoting from Mr. Asquith's speech to Tuesday's deputation). That pledge stands good, but it is obvious that the situation is profoundly altered if at a time when the attempt is being made to amend and alter the existing Registration Laws those laws are swept off the board by a comprehensive Reform Bill introduced by the Government. The deputation on Tuesday wanted a Bill which would give every adult a vote. Mr. Asquith said that, "speaking for himself," he "necessarily parted company with them" in that, but "any Bill introduced would be introduced in such a form that it would be open to the House of Commons if it pleased" to make "man" include "woman." But would the House of Commons be so "pleased"? It is one thing to say that the million women who have already got the municipal vote shall also have the Parliamentary vote—that the electors shall be nine millions, eight million men and one million women, instead of eight million men. It is quite another to say that when you increase the number of men electors from eight to twelve millions you shall also add thirteen million women, none of whom have ever had the Parliamentary vote. For our part, we do not pretend to be able offhand to solve the problem which is admittedly created. Starting with the law as it

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stands at present, we should like to see the Conciliation Bill carried and the million women enfranchised. We believe that on the whole public opinion is ripe for this change. But we feel a good deal more confident that public opinion is not ripe for a measure which would, by giving every woman a vote, make the majority of the electors women. Nor should it be forgotten that any measure will have to be considered by the House of Lords. It is true that the Peers have lost their absolute power of veto, but they have important powers of delaying legislation, and the House of Commons will not want to give the peers a chance of using those powers when public opinion would be on the side of the House of Lords.

THE GLOBE.

It is not improbable that the most cogent reason for the introduction of Manhood Suffrage is to be found in the fact that the Cabinet is all at sixes and sevens over what is rather grotesquely known as the Conciliation Bill. The enraged but voiceless female is an obsession with His Majesty's present advisers, and, being entirely unable to agree among themselves how to dispose of her, they seem to have thought that her vociferous protests could most easily be drowned in the clamour accompanying a proposal for a huge extension of the franchise. If we know the lady at all, this calculation is doomed to be falsified. Already she has begun to protest—and quite rightly—against the project under which she will be left to the tender mercies of a private amendment. We are no friends to Female Suffrage, but anything more contemptible than the attitude assumed by the Government it is difficult to imagine. It is proposed to add about five million male voters to the register. On the further proposal to add thirteen million female voters this thing which calls itself a Government has no opinion at all! Either the proposal is right or it is wrong; it cannot be indifferent. For good or for ill, it is the greatest change ever mooted in English politics. Yet Ministers are so pitifully unable to make up their minds whether it will pay them or not that they propose to leave the House of Commons without any guidance on the subject.

OPINIONS OF LOBBY CORRESPONDENTS.

The possible effect of this new turn of events upon the prospects of Woman Suffrage was naturally a matter of keen discussion. Speaking generally, those who are favourable to the extension of the franchise to women felt that the Government had done them an unkindness. It is true that the Prime Minister did not shut out the possibility of his Bill being amended so as to secure its extension to women, but those who are familiar with Parliament and who foresee the vast public issues which Manhood Suffrage must raise, recognise that Woman Suffrage will be relegated to a subordinate position in the discussions upon the Government's new proposal.

It is, however, freely admitted that the Bill would not shut out the most democratic enfranchisement of women that is possible. To this certain members of the Cabinet have openly given their support, but if the measure were to be extended in this way it would add immensely to the difficulties of its enactment. The non-party Parliamentary group who favour the enfranchisement of women on a responsible qualification, and who have reduced their proposals to practical shape in what is known as the Conciliation Bill, do not disguise their belief that the action of the Government will in the end entirely wreck their scheme. They hold that it would be most incongruous to tack on to a wide democratic measure of Manhood Suffrage a provision of a limited and undemocratic nature for women. In common with those who are "Suffragists" without reserve, they feel that the issues to be raised by Manhood Suffrage will in the end tend to sidetrack the feminist movement in Parliament.

The Standard.

The Women's Social and Political Union has made up its mind at once, and has declared war. They have received the announcement made to-day with the greatest indignation, and regard it as an act of extreme hostility to Women's Suffrage. They are therefore going to adopt immediately their regular anti-Government policy and revive militant action. They say that the suggestion that they should rely upon an amendment to the Reform Bill is quite ridiculous, and an insult to their intelligence. They rejected that offer when it was made some time ago, and they are deliberately of opinion that the policy now announced by the Prime Minister confirms absolutely all they have said as to Mr. Lloyd George's hostility to Women's Suffrage. In their eyes he and the Government have come out as definite opponents of Women's Suffrage, and they will fight accordingly.

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A Suffragist member writes to me:—I believe the majority of the advocates of Women's Suffrage in the House regret the course taken by the Government as being likely to throw back the cause and to excite a fresh outbreak of militancy. In another direction a very serious aspect of the matter is the effect of the passage of an Adult Suffrage Bill upon the fortunes of the Government and the duration of this Parliament. People are asking what will happen if the Lords, having rejected Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment, show their "moderation" by allowing this Bill to pass. By all the precedents it would seem that a dissolution must immediately follow. Yet Ministers have recently told us that they look forward to a continuance of the present

Parliament for at least another two if not three years. One thing at any rate is clear—the present Cabinet are gluttons for work, and next year's programme is assuming gigantic proportions.

The Manchester Guardian.

The general opinion at the House of Commons seems to be that the Prime Minister's announcement to a deputation yesterday that a Manhood Suffrage Bill will be brought in next year has blown the Conciliation Bill into the air, as one indignant Woman Suffragist put it. Although the possibility of moving an amendment in the interests of Woman Suffrage is to be preserved, few believe that the House of Commons would accept at present an amendment which would institute Womanhood as well as Manhood Suffrage—an amendment, that is to say, which by a stroke of the pen would make the majority of the electors in the country women. There are Liberals who temporise with the subject, and affect to believe that Woman Suffragists might content themselves with an amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill which should give the franchise to women over a certain age, and thus keep the feminine electors in the minority, but they scarcely expect the Woman Suffragists to take this view. It is understood that the first result of the Ministerial pronouncement was to bring Miss Christabel Pankhurst yesterday to the House of Commons, where she conferred with sympathetic members. The militant section lost no time last night in sending round the fiery cross, and will resume militant tactics against the Government with ardour. They regard the Prime Minister's pronouncement as a betrayal of their cause. The deputation to the Prime Minister was very privately arranged by the adult Suffragists.

The Times.

Many members quite frankly gave it as their opinion that the purpose of the Government was to side-track the Conciliation Bill, if not the question of Women's Suffrage altogether. It was felt that such an overwhelming extension of the franchise as Mr. Asquith indicated would raise questions and issues compared with which the problem of Women's Suffrage would become subsidiary, and perhaps unimportant, and it was suggested that this consideration may have weighed with the Cabinet in their decision. Mr. Asquith, it is true, held out the expectation that the position of women might be dealt with by an amendment in Committee. But the "Suffragist" members of Parliament did not disguise their belief that this would but aggravate the situation, and lead to discussion of the question in circumstances of great party passion. The Government have certainly dealt a deadly blow at the Women's Suffrage movement in Parliament.

The Yorkshire Post.**A LLOYD GEORGE PARADE.**

On Wednesday afternoon posters were carried by a number of women round Parliament Square. The posters bore the words "Lloyd George Found Out," "Lloyd George Betrays the Women's Cause," "No Manhood Suffrage for Us," "Lloyd George no Friend to Women." The parade attracted much interest.

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN'S VIEW.

In the *Daily News* of November 8 Mr. Snowden is reported to have said:—

"My first impression is that the Prime Minister's action is a very clever move to kill the chances of Women's Suffrage. Mr. Asquith himself is openly and honestly opposed to that extension of the franchise, and a very large proportion of those who support the principle of Women's Suffrage would not vote for a measure which would enfranchise every adult woman as a beginning. This proposal of the Government will result in the passing of Manhood Suffrage and the indefinite postponement of any measure for the enfranchisement of women. I cannot speak for the women, but I shall be very much surprised if they do not regard what has been indicated as a breach of the undertaking to give facilities for the Conciliation Bill next year. What the consequences of this may be time only will show." In the *Morning Post* Mr. Snowden is reported to have said that the Government proposal was a fraud and an insult to the women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

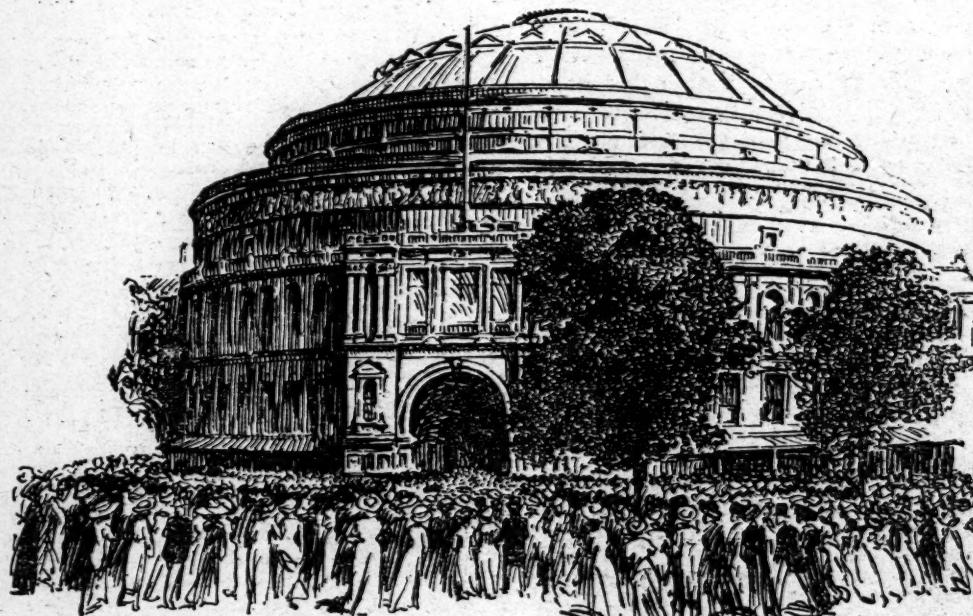
The speakers at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on Monday afternoon next, November 13, at 3.15, will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Miss Evelyn Sharp and Miss Annie Kenney. There will be no meeting at the Steinway Hall on Thursday, November 16, owing to the great meeting at the Albert Hall.

Speakers' Class.

Members are reminded that there is at all times a great demand for speakers. Beginners, after a course under the guidance of Miss Ross Leo, at the Speakers' Class at Clements Inn, on Fridays at 7.45 p.m., are able to pass on to do their share of the work outside. Their places must be filled, and a special appeal is made to members to come forward, and, by joining this class, fit themselves for the work that is waiting to be done.

MEETING AT WOOLWICH TOWN HALL.

On Monday last, Woolwich Town Hall was packed to overflowing by an audience anxious to hear Miss Pankhurst on the Conciliation Bill. The meeting was of particular interest in view of the fact that the Member for Woolwich, Mr. Will Crooks, had declared himself an opponent of the Conciliation Bill and an advocate of "Votes for all Women." Miss Pankhurst's convincing replies to questions from the adult suffragists, of whom there were many present, called forth enthusiastic applause, as did her impassioned appeal to them to stand aside and let this bill—the first instalment of justice to women—pass into law. The appeal evidently went home, for no less a sum than £13 15s. was collected for the cause. Fourteen dozen copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold.

**ALBERT HALL MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.**

In view of the Government's declaration of war upon the cause of Votes for Women and of the important pronouncement of policy which will be made by the W.S.P.U. speakers, the meeting at the Albert Hall on Thursday next, November 16, assumes very special interest. It will afford a magnificent opportunity for bringing men and women to hear the true facts about the Government's policy, and the steps which the W.S.P.U. propose to take in order to cope with the situation. Therefore secure your tickets immediately, and thus avoid disappointment. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the leader of the deputation on the following Tuesday, November 21, will be in the chair, and the other speakers will include Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., and Miss Vida Goldstein, who will shortly be returning to Australia. Already the announcement of the Government with regard to Manhood Suffrage has been the cause of a rush for tickets, and the whole of the loggia boxes, arena, orchestra, and all 1s. tickets are now sold out, and there only remain to be had a few grand tier boxes, price £1 10s., second tier boxes at 12s. 6d., some amphitheatre stalls at 2s. 6d., and balcony tickets, price 6d. All tickets may be had by members of the Union from Miss Cooke, ticket secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Hambling will be glad of the names of members of the W.S.P.U. prepared to act as stewards. They should be at the Hall not later than 6 p.m.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Owing to the announcement made by the Prime Minister with regard to the introduction of a Manhood Suffrage Bill next Session, the Women's Social and Political Union have decided to make an immediate change in their by-election policy. The Government's position is now one of direct and open hostility to Woman Suffrage, and therefore the return of a Liberal candidate to Parliament (whatever his personal views) would by strengthening the hands of the Government be a direct injury to Woman Suffrage. Accordingly the W.S.P.U. will spare no effort to secure the defeat of the Liberal nominees wherever they may be standing.

OLDHAM.

Polling Day: Monday, November 13.
W.S.P.U. Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips
38, George Street.
Candidates.

Mr. E. R. B. Dennis (Lab.)
The Hon. A. L. Stanley (Lab.)
Mr. W. C. Robinson (Lab.)
Result in Dec., 1910: A. Emmett (Lab.), 17,193; W. Barton (Lab.), 18,941; J. Wrigley (C.), 15,440; E. H. B. Dennis (C.), 15,931. Lib. Majority, 3,501.

Instead of the purely educational campaign intended, the Government candidate will be opposed with all the forces at the disposal of the W.S.P.U. There is plenty of work, and Miss Phillips will welcome all volunteers.

HITCHIN.

Polling Day: Thursday, November 23.
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms:
W.S.P.U. Organiser: Lady Constance Lytton, Homewood, Knebworth, Herts.
Candidates.

Lord Robert Cecil (C.)
Mr. T. D. Greg (Lab.)
Result in Dec., 1910: Dr. A. P. Hillier (Lab.), 6,333; T. D. Greg (Lab.), 3,942. Con. Majority, 1,291.

An anti-Government policy is being pursued at Hitchin, where members are conducting a campaign against the Government candidate, Mr. T. D. Greg. Among the workers already on the spot are Miss Douglas Smith and Miss Cameron. As the constituency is a very scattered one, those who have motor-cars are urgently asked to lend them. All who are willing to help are asked to communicate with Lady Constance Lytton at once.

IRISH WOMEN AND HOME RULE.

Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington writes to the *Irish Times* of November 1:—"It is well that the drafters of the Home Rule Bill should realise in time that any alteration in the franchise, which would widen the existing male electorate without admitting duly qualified women to the Parliamentary vote will be definitely repudiated by Irish public opinion. Irishwomen demand that (as in the case of the Irish Councils Bill) the Local Government register be taken as the basis of the franchise under Home Rule, and this demand is winning ever increased support from public bodies in Ireland, many of which have already passed unanimous resolutions in favour of woman suffrage."

LORD LYTTON'S VIEWS.

Lord Lytton, speaking at Baldock recently, said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was going to propose an amendment that would make marriage itself a qualification for the vote. That was not asked for by any single Women's Suffrage society at the present moment. It was a little invention of Mr. Lloyd George's own. To do that in a Government Bill would be perfectly legitimate, but it was absolutely opposed to the principal basis and foundation on which the Conciliation Bill rested, to introduce party considerations into a measure based upon the consent of all political parties.

EAST END CAMPAIGN.

Committee Rooms, 588c, Commercial Road.
Organiser.—Mrs. Ayrton Gould.
Thanks to Mrs. Israel Zangwill and Mrs. Sadie Brown for their generous donations of £5 and £1 1s. respectively, and other members en masse for their most welcome contributions. Workers and speakers are turning up splendidly, but there are six constituencies to work. This can only be done if at least three times the number of workers and speakers send in their names. A big meeting is being arranged in Poplar Town Hall with the Actresses' Franchise League on Wednesday, November 29, at 8 o'clock. Stewards are needed for this meeting, and should send in their names at once.

NURSES AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

The fact that in the deliberations, manifestoes, amendments, and deputations on the National Insurance Bill by medical practitioners and the organised women's societies, the vital importance of trained nursing has been absolutely ignored, should prove a salutary lesson for the most apathetic nurse. That a class of skilled workers, of at least 50,000 in number, whose labours are invaluable to the community, can be classed with "agricultural labourers" in any legislative measure without either remark or protest, is proof of the neglect and injustice with which trained nurses have been treated by the Legislature, and of the urgent necessity for State recognition of their professional status. When after years of arduous training their work is ignored, the trained nurses of this country may well feel indignant, and realise, as the intelligent minority do, that without the power of the Parliamentary vote they have received less appreciation and consideration from Parliament than many dumb animals. If women nurses were enfranchised, an Act of Parliament regulating their qualifications and registration would have been in force for twenty years.

—British Journal of Nursing.

Suffragists of all degrees, non-militant and militant, have formed a society in Bognor, which has gained during the last month nearly thirty members, nine of whom joined at a recent *At Home* when Mrs. Gonine was hostess and Miss Evelyn Sharp and Captain Gonine, R.A., were the speakers. Others joined at a public meeting held in the Queen's Hall.

"A BOLD POLICY."

Those who were fortunate enough to be at the London Pavilion on Monday afternoon were promised a most interesting and profitable time by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and right royal was the promise fulfilled. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who was in the chair, dealt with some of the amendments to the Insurance Bill, and showed that the concessions to women, over which the Press had gone into such raptures, were not at all what they might be. It seemed that the Press thought that by making a din about them the voice of woman's discontent would not be heard; but said Mrs. Lawrence, "it is not possible to stifle the voice of woman's discontent. That is why women are banded together to get the protection of the vote. We are fighting for the vote because the facts of life are too strong for us. 'Taxation without representation is tyranny' is not a dogma or a political creed. We say that taxation without representation is tyranny and robbery."

Mrs. Lawrence then called upon Mrs. May Wright Sewell, of America, who is well-known as a Suffrage worker. Mrs. Sewell, who was enthusiastically received, showed that the rising tide of democracy is sweeping the women of all countries on to one common platform. In expressing her appreciation of the courage of British women, Mrs. Sewell said she had sometimes been asked if she were not shocked when first she heard of the militant movement. She said she was indeed shocked, but there were two kinds of shocks—there were shocks that were shocking and the shocks that were incentives to revolt. Hers was the second kind, and she was expressing the opinion of a large section of her country men and women when she said that they felt deep gratitude to British women for their courage and self-sacrifice. Referring to the victory in California, she said it would not end there; in the neighbouring States—Oregon and Nevada—women would not long remain unenfranchised. The great sister States of Wisconsin, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Kansas would follow. All signs indicated that in 1912 the tide would rise beyond any high water mark that had ever washed the shores of time. The doctrine that taxation without representation was tyranny was no new doctrine to an American. Americans belonged to a nation that owed its existence to a successful revolt on behalf of that very principle; nor would it be able to bring up its daughters in perpetuity in ignorance of it. In conclusion, Mrs. Sewell spoke of the dawn of that new internationalism which is even now upon us—the time when the world shall have forgotten that there was ever so engulfed an age as that which tried to liberate and equalise and fraternise one-half of humanity while keeping in subjection the half that gave that other birth.

The Struggle for Freedom.

Mrs. Mansell Moullin, in referring to recent changes in the Cabinet, said that the late Home Secretary thought that every struggle for freedom must be met by repression. He must learn what many people in this country had yet to learn, that every struggle for freedom was a divine inspiration—an inspiration that repression would never stifle. The speech closed with a note of warning. This was no time for slackness; no time for rest; nothing could be won without a struggle.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst carried her audience with her in a most enthusiastic speech, which mainly dealt with Votes for Women under the Home Rule Bill. She reminded her hearers that it was not a Home Rule meeting nor a Unionist meeting, but a Votes for Women meeting; and if there was to be any constitutional change in Ireland the women must stand equal with the men. If women were to wait for men to state the time for women to have the vote they would have to wait a long time. It would be reactionary in the greatest degree if a form of Government were granted to Ireland which gave one sex government over the other. Irish women had too much spirit and too much self-respect to sit down under this injustice. Women, Miss Pankhurst concluded, would not be in the position they to-day occupied if the W.S.P.U. had not taken a bold and audacious policy. "We believe," she said, "in a bold policy, and we are not going to make bargains. The Government will do just as much as they dare, but how much they will dare depends on us. There is one thing that women hate, and that is to be fooled. They were not afraid in the past to face the strongest Government of the times, and they are not afraid now. Let us be up and at them; what we have got to do is to deserve success, and as long as we work in that spirit there is no need to fear."

DOES A MAN SUPPORT HIS WIFE?

At an inquest at Battersea on Monday on Leslie Robert Bennett, aged seven months, very pathetic evidence was given by the mother, a pale, care-worn woman, who said she was working in the kitchen of a Piccadilly restaurant from 8.30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and that her wages were 10s. a week and her food. She worked because her husband could not find work, and sometimes missed it through drink. They lived in two rooms at 4s. a week rent. She paid the rent, and with the remaining 6s. bought food for the children, leaving with her husband 6d. a day to buy them bread and something for dinner. She had had to keep herself and the family for several years, off and on. Witnesses said the husband was lazy and given to drink, and that the rooms were filthy. The husband denied habitual drunkenness, and said the rooms were not filthy, because his wife worked all night to scrub them out.

MISS SIME SERUYA.
Magistrate refuses to believe Witnesses.

The case of Miss Simé Seruya was heard before Sir Albert de Rutzen at Bow Street last Friday. It will be remembered that as the Actresses' Franchise League matinée at the Lyceum Theatre, on October 27, was about to begin, Miss Seruya was arrested on the steps of the theatre on a charge of obstruction. An adjournment was granted in order that she might call witnesses.

On Friday Mr. Mussett said the prosecution was taken under the Highway Act.

Mr. Mussett said that about 2.30 there was a matinée at the Lyceum Theatre, and the police officers on duty saw the defendant selling VOTES FOR WOMEN and distributing literature. In the opinion of the officers she was causing an obstruction. She was remonstrated with, and she moved into the roadway, but she returned and caused an obstruction by the same procedure. She was asked to go away, and she did something which was very reprehensible, although it was not the subject of a charge—she struck a constable in the face with one of her books. She was then taken into custody.

Evidence was given by the constable who arrested her, by Police-sergeant 53 E, and Police-constable 445 E.

Miss Seruya said that she intended to go inside the theatre to the matinée. Before going in she sold books on the steps of the theatre, but was asked by the manager not to do so. She then stood on the kerb, and spoke to several friends as they passed into the theatre. At 2.30 she was about to go into the theatre when Miss Edith Craig beckoned to her on the steps, and she was introduced to another lady. While she was talking to them a constable came and told her to clear out. She said she was on private property, and was not selling. The constable then banged her on the back with one arm and put the other arm across her chest. She had no VOTES FOR WOMEN in her possession. Ladies came out of the vestibule and protested. She did not hit or kick any of the police; she was not violent, but she attempted to get out of the grip of the policeman.

Evidence for the Defence.

Among number of witnesses on Miss Sime Seruya's behalf was Mrs. Marian Holmes, of Brighton Road, Croydon; Miss Edith Craig, of Bedford Street, Strand; and Miss Dowson, of Green Cottage, Claygate, Surrey. They testified that Miss Seruya was causing no obstruction when arrested. Miss Edith Craig said she beckoned Miss Seruya up the steps of the theatre, and while they were talking with Miss Dowson the constable arrested Miss Seruya. She was not selling books at all then.

Miss Winifred Mayo and Miss Fanny Harvey also gave evidence. The latter said she saw a constable make a bold rush at Miss Seruya. She (Miss Harvey) said to him, "What are you doing? Don't be silly. Let the woman go." That was at the bottom of the steps. On being asked by Mr. Mussett whether she was interested in the ladies' movement Miss Harvey said, "No; but it was not right to serve a lady like that."

Sir Albert de Rutzen said he believed the evidence of the police as to Miss Seruya's having caused an obstruction. There was nothing to prevent ladies selling books or giving pamphlets away, but they must not cause an obstruction by doing so. Miss Seruya would be bound over in her own recognisance of 40s. for three months, and he hoped she would not offend again.

In the course of his remarks Sir Albert de Rutzen said he noticed that Miss Seruya seemed amused, and that it was nothing to laugh at. Miss Seruya was interviewed by a representative of the *Standard* after the hearing of the case, to whom she explained that, so far from any feeling of frivolity in regard to the case, she was terribly serious. If she appeared to smile it was attributable purely to nervousness, as the whole affair was very distressing. She was entirely innocent, and it was her earnest desire to be on the best of terms with the officers of the E Division, in whose district the International Suffrage shop in Adam Street is situated.

She added that it was quite clear that there was a mistake on the part of the police. It was the second time she had been wrongfully arrested, the other occasion being during a Suffrage raid in Whitehall, when she was simply looking on and taking no active proceedings at all, as she had been very ill. She was then put in prison for six weeks without the option of a fine.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH.

In a leading article, on November 8, *The Christian Commonwealth* says:—"The arrest of Miss Seruya and the charges brought against her raise once more grave issues, with which we have been made painfully familiar at different stages of the suffrage agitation. The women engaged in that agitation refrain as far as possible from blaming the police, who, as a rule, merely act under orders; but it is not possible to read the report in Saturday's *Standard* of the hearing of the case against Miss Seruya without coming to the conclusion (1) that the police have a grudge against this lady, and manufactured a case against her; or (2) that they made a mistake, but not being willing to admit it, produced false evidence; or (3) that five ladies of

reputation who came forward as witnesses were either unable to describe what they saw or committed perjury. Sir Albert de Rutzen said he believed the evidence of the police as to the accused having caused an obstruction, in preference to that of the six ladies, and bound her over in her own recognizances for three months. The case is bad enough in itself, but it is all the more disquieting in view of the fact that this is the second time Miss Seruya has been wrongfully arrested. . . . We have not the slightest doubt that in each instance there was a grave miscarriage of justice. Unfortunately the case of Miss Seruya is only one of many, showing that law-abiding citizens, especially women, are liable to be pounced upon by the police and unjustly accused, and that nothing is more difficult than for a person thus wrongfully charged to prove innocence."

WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

While the House of Commons was dealing with those clauses under the Insurance Bill which affect women, the woman's point of view was being explained by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Douglas Smith at the usual Thursday evening meeting at Steinway Hall. Miss Douglas Smith (chair) concluded a thoughtful address, dealing with pressing social problems, with a beautiful comparison of the relations of men and women to the varied strings of a violin, all of which are equally needed to produce the harmony.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence examined in the light of actual fact the position of the married woman and of the widow in the industrial world. Legislation based upon slovenly thought and flimsy sentimentalism showed an increasing tendency to interfere arbitrarily with the wife's liberty to sell her labour, while there was no disposition to strengthen the compulsion upon the man to surrender his wages for the maintenance of the family. This restrictive legislation was supported by many who were too careless to study the facts, on the plea that the wife's place was the home, and her most sacred duty was the personal care of her children in accordance with the highest standards of motherhood. This point of view would be all very well if consistently carried out. But the moment the wife became a widow all these arrangements were abandoned. Unless she was able to turn out into the labour market, there to sell her labour, her home was broken up and her children were taken from her. So far from adopting the line of argument that woman's place was her home, the State gave the widow no alternative but the labour market or the workhouse.

And as to the sacredness of motherhood, the only help that the State was prepared to render to the widow mother with a baby in her arms was to take the child from her and bring it up in the Union. The most obvious and logical course would be for the State to say to the mother, "Take this child and train it for me in fulfilment of thy most sacred duty." The widow, Mrs. Lawrence pointed out, fared badly under the Chancellor of the Exchequer's scheme of Insurance. In the draft of the Bill provisionally agreed upon by the Friendly Societies and the Chancellor was a provision for insurance to the widow, so long as she had a child under sixteen, a weekly sum of 5s. a week. That clause had been struck out by Mr. Lloyd George, and the widow with children was left practically destitute.

In that day's report of Parliamentary proceedings they would see that Mr. W. H. Forster had pleaded that instead of the entire deposits of the Post Office contributor being confiscated at his death, a certain sum, representing the amount which the man himself had contributed without the amount which had been contributed by the employer or the State, should be handed over to his widow or representative. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said it would not do to offer an inducement to a man to prefer the Post Office to a Friendly Society. In short, having refused to allow the husband's deposits to cover insurance for his widow under the Friendly Society's scheme, he used that fact as an argument why the Post Office contributor's deposits should not cover any provision for his wife. This was a singularly dishonest method of escaping responsibility for the widow with children, the woman who had devoted her labour to the support of her husband and family, and whose case ought to be considered in any scheme of National Insurance.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the testimony volunteered at the end by a gentleman from Amsterdam, of the admiration with which the efforts of English Suffragettes are regarded on the Continent, and the inspiration which this movement has afforded to all progressive minds.

THE PIONEER PLAYERS.

The Pioneer Players open their autumn season on Sunday, November 26, at the Savoy Theatre, with Mr. Laurence Housman's much-talked-of play, "Pains and Penalties." The cast is an exceptionally long one, but only three feminine parts figure on the programme. Miss Gertrude Kingston, prior to the reopening of the Little Theatre, will play the part originally intended for her by the author; the other feminine parts being taken by Miss Auriol Lee and Miss Maud Hoffman, who was until recently playing at the Court Theatre in "Married by Degrees." The production will be in the capable hands of Miss Edith Craig and Mr. Laurence Housman. This is the third subscription performance of the society. All particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, 31, Bedford Street, Strand.

Full and excellent reports of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting at Stirling on October 27 appeared in the *Stirling Sentinel* for October 31, and the *Stirling Journal and Advertiser* for November 2.

IMPRESSIONS OF AN ASCOT SUFFRAGE MEETING.

The following account of a meeting held by the invitation of H.H. the Ranees of Sarawak has been sent us. Among a large number of guests were Lady Stepney, Mrs. Drew, Dr. Ethel Smyth, The Marchioness of Downshire and many others.

I was present in the Royal Hotel, Ascot, on Thursday last, and should like to record a few impressions of the meeting. It was opened admirably by the Ranees of Sarawak, who described her own conversion to the cause of Woman Suffrage in a few telling words which must have appealed to many who felt doubtful in the matter. She simply related a common experience when she said: "I was against votes for women formerly—why? Because I knew nothing about it!"

Miss Christabel Pankhurst then spoke for a full hour, maintaining the freshness and zest of her inspiration unflaggingly to the end. She cut away every scrap of ground from under the enemy's feet, and her ready anticipation of any possible objections made them seem to melt away from the minds and faces of the audience. Only one or two of her points shall be touched on here. Anti-suffragists and their male supporters say that women are quite satisfied with their pleasant privileges of influence. These are the women who have never faced life; who have hidden in their easy-going shelter; who have played with politics at best; who have not the unselfish imagination to understand what the life of the real woman is. Where is the graceful exercise of privilege in those who face life; in the women workers, or wives of workers, toiling, suffering, drudging, to a great extent supporting their husbands and children, dumb in painful drudgery, unvoiced in the country's history? "You say they are physically inferior," she cried; "in what possible way? In pluck, in skill, in endurance, do they not equal men? In the powers of work of the factory hand, of the charwoman, the hospital nurse, the lady doctor? Why! even as soldiers they would prove well drilled, fit, and steady marksmen, if you press the physical test to that point! But they are soldiers already—laying down their lives on the battlefield of human destiny, bestowing the human race on the globe, living, loving, dying, that man may be."

And wherever women are really alive—as mothers and wives, as ceaseless toilers, as fighting leaders, as inspired artists, as self-sacrificing nurses, then the need for their expression and expansion must arise; what is so good and vivific must have more scope, more freedom, more responsibility, must lift up its voice and find its true sphere, if there is to be any hope of greatness for the nation.

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MEN'S LEAGUE MEETING.

At Chelsea Town Hall last Friday, under the auspices of the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, Mrs. Fawcett, in moving a resolution in support of the Conciliation Bill, said the present political situation was the most favourable since the agitation for woman suffrage began. Candidates for the various by-elections all over the country were giving pledges to support the Bill through all its stages in the House of Commons. Mrs. Humphry Ward's reference to it as that "absurd Bill," because it was based on the principle of household suffrage, showed an entire lack of appreciation of history. The great Reform Bills of 1832, 1857 and 1884 were all based on the principle of household suffrage.

Earl Russell said that although in favour of adult suffrage, he was not going to interfere with any Bill which gave votes to women.

Mr. Laurence Housman said that the great and growing need for recognition of the truth that men and women could not really do a good and complete work apart from each other, was far more important than the removal of any property qualification that seemed unequal to the working man, or of plural voting. It meant getting down to the bedrock. The claim of property in the person, the man's claim over the woman, was a blot upon the history of the country. Every man who was allowed to take a share in the making of laws in which women had no share whatever had a political proprietorship over women, and was a propertied voter of the deepest dye. "He ought," Mr. Housman continued, "to be very much ashamed of it, and want to get rid of it. Let us make every woman a potential voter, and we shall have performed one of the greatest and most far-reaching reforms of modern times."

MEETING AT COVENTRY.

Speaking at a joint meeting convened by the N.U.W.S.S. and the W.S.P.U. at Coventry on Thursday in last week, Lady Willoughby De Broke said they had heard a great deal against the militant methods of the Women's Social and Political Union, and that it was composed of a number of irresponsible hysterical women. Now this assertion betrayed a total lack of knowledge of the spirit of unselfishness and self-sacrifice which had animated these women. But they did not act irresponsibly, and the proof of this was that their great commander-in-chief, Mrs. Pankhurst, declared a truce last June on obtaining the Prime Minister's pledge, and desired that peaceful organisation and education of public opinion should be the work pending the reintroduction of the Conciliation Bill next session. Well, this request had been, and was being, obeyed implicitly all over the country, and sufficed to show that the women fully appreciated their responsibility in the matter. Lady Willoughby De Broke represents the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association.

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Mrs. Re-Bartlett is of the opinion that all the evils of our life in this world may be traced back to the false relation in which men and women stand to one another. In the ten essays which compose her recent book*, she treats of woman's life in all its various aspects, but particularly that of wife, mother, and friend. Although the whole subject is taken from the standpoint of an idealist, common sense, reason, and practical experience are the dominant notes on which her ideas are built. And this makes the book all the more readable. It is essentially a book for the person who bores us to weariness by the ever-repeated cry that "women want to be like men." Harmony of the masculine and the feminine is that which is needed to-day, in order that we may move towards a more perfect race, not *sameness*, the author insists on; and in the whole movement for their further emancipation, this is really what women are striving after. "The equality which may and must one day be established between man and woman is the equality not of similarity, but of interchange."

There are those who are forever crying from the rooftops that women are "unsexing" themselves, that the birthrate is falling, and that every evil under the sun is due to women. This, of course, we have also heard before! And for every one of these trumpeters Mrs. Re-Bartlett has something to say; things which many women have thought before, but which it is not given to everyone to express so clearly, and with so much sound judgment and charitable common sense, at the same time driving the points home with logic and precision. For instance, on the question of the falling birthrate, the author writes:—

"Much more serious is the *quality* of the population; and the problem before the world, as a whole, to-day, is the creation not of a more numerous, but of a better and more *human* race. And this will come only when we have nobler and freer women for our mothers."

In the fine essay entitled, "Sincerity in Social Life," it is made clear that the first real step upward in the spiritual progress of the race can only be made when the double standard of morality is done away with. If Mrs. Re-Bartlett does not altogether spare women on this point, she speaks very strongly and very sternly to men. "And since women are undoubtedly the greater sufferers under the present order, it is perhaps not unjust that, in speaking of the failures of both one should hit men a little harder of the two."

If men wish to marry pure women, and yet their own lives have not been blameless, do not let them hide the fact; let them be sincere and straight about it. "Why cannot man play fair?" she asks, "and state himself for what he is to woman before he marries her? . . . And is there no rudimentary sense of honour in men to ensure this frankness, and in society to demand it? If in any other relation a man procures what he desires on false pretences, it is called by a very ugly name, and becomes even a penal matter. But that he secures into his keeping a woman's whole life on false conditions—this is not penal, not even severely judged by society." The author does not touch directly on the militant movement, but the following, taken from a fine passage, reveals her sympathy and understanding of the meaning underlying much that may have been superficially incomprehensible.

"They are the wrongs and insults of centuries that are working in women to-day, and in many who can only feel, not think, the sense of injury is producing one instinct only—to cast off—cast off a yoke. The instinct is holy, only its expression sometimes crude, and would it not be wonderful if all could work itself out in gentleness and dignity alone? . . . There has, perhaps, never been a war so far-reaching in all history, and in a cause so great there is scarce anything worth calling shame or error save the one great shame and error of supineness."

In conclusion, the author sets a high standard for the would-be reformer. How high and even hard that standard is only those who have made some attempt at the heroic life, probably, can fully realise; and these, too, will understand the writer when, with bold pen, she speaks of the terrible loneliness of the life which is endeavouring to follow a private law of being.

Readers of **VOTES FOR WOMEN** will be well advised to read this inspiring book, and lend it to their anti friends! It needs no further words of praise, for it can well be left to stand on its own merits.

K. DOUGLAS SMITH.

VIEWS OF COLONIAL STATESMEN.

It is very important for Suffragists to be able to refute the many untruths that are told regarding the effect of Woman Suffrage in the colonies, and to have at their fingers' ends the list of just and progressive laws which may be directly traced to the woman's vote. Such a list, together with the opinions of eminent colonial statesmen on the effect of Woman Suffrage, will be found clearly printed in a useful little pamphlet issued by the Women's Freedom League, and obtainable at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C., price 1d.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Rise of the Democracy." By Joseph Clayton, M.A. London: Cassell & Co. 2s. 6d. net.

"Blackburn's Study of Words." By E. M. Blackburn, M.A. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 3s. 6d.

"No Surrender." By Constance E. Maud. London: Duckworth & Co. 6s.

"Women of Shakespeare." By Frank Harris. London: Methuen. 7s. 6d. net.

"Hannah More." By Annette M. B. Meakin. London: Smith, Elder & Co. 14s. 6d. net.

"The Art of Effective Public Speaking." By Ernest Pertwee. London: George Routledge & Sons. 3s. 6d.

"Cross-in-Hand Farm." By Viola Meynell. London: Herbert & Daniel. 6s.

"The Human Compass." By Bart Kennedy. London: Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., Ltd. 6s.

"The Man-Made World." By Charlotte Perkins Gilman. London: T. Fisher Unwin. 4s. 6d. net.

"Pixie Pool." By Edmund Vale. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co. 2s. net.

"Woman at Work." By M. Mostyn Bird. London: Chapman & Hall. 5s. net.

"Welsh Members of Parliament on the Conciliation Bill." The Woman's Press. 1s. 6d. per 100, Post Free.

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A note of the women's movement has even been struck at Heliopolis, one of the most ancient cities of Egypt, where, says the *Standard*, a Moslem Congress listened to Mme. Badiah, the daughter of Hafin Bey Nasif, vice-president of the Kautah Tribunals, who made an eloquent plea for women's rights. Her specific demands, which were heard with deep attention, were women's right of admission to the mosques, compulsory primary education for girls, the reform of the divorce laws, the prohibition of polygamy, and the admission of women to schools of medicine.

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From the *Woman Teacher* we learn that the Surrey Education Committee have noted with satisfaction that since 1904, 117 instead of 78 boards of managers include woman members, and the number of woman members has increased from 101 to 156. It is felt that their assistance is valuable in the provision of instruction in domestic subjects and in questions of medical inspection.

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The fascinations of aviation continue to capture women as well as men, and it is interesting to note that the Women's Aerial League includes among its members prominent suffragists. In order to promote the interests of the League, financially and in other ways, we hear that a dance will take place at the Chelsea Town Hall on Tuesday, November 28. Those who are interested in the subject of aviation, and more especially in this event, may be glad to know that particulars can be obtained from Miss Cobley, at the offices of the League, 227, Strand, W.C.

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In an amusing article based on the recent confession of little Pu Yi, the Chinese Emperor, a writer in the *Nation* draws an analogy between the condition of China and affairs at home. He imagines confused voices from the Front Benches of the House of Commons. One of them confesses, "People are grumbling, especially the women and the railwaymen, and I don't know what to do." Another voice says, "Even if all unite to support my Insurance Bill, I still fear falling, and then the future of the Empire is unthinkable!"

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An excellent point was scored by Miss Lena Ashwell at the meeting of the Women Writers' Suffrage League at the Criterion on Thursday in last week. Referring to Mr. Rudyard Kipling's poem, "The Species of the Female," Miss Ashwell pointed out that while Mr. Kipling was insisting on the fighting quality of the female as a reason why she should be kept in a state of subjection, most anti-suffragists took an exactly opposite line, and would withhold political freedom because, they say, women cannot fight. Miss Ashwell delighted her audience with her recitation of Mr. Sidney Low's answer to Mr. Kipling, which we published in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* recently. Other speeches were made by the Rev. Claude Hinschiff, Mrs. Israel Zangwill, and Mrs. Baillie Reynolds in the chair. Mrs. Zangwill, in a touching appeal, reminded her audience that a year ago women were in prison and undergoing forcible feeding, and that two women had died for conscience' sake, and called upon those present to prevent, by generous financial support, the necessity for a repetition of the events of last year.

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Berlin's first woman director of opera, Mme. Aurelie Revy, opened the Komische Opera on November 1, with Giordano's work "Siberia."

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The *Times* notes with interest that the returning officer for the Oldham by-election is Mrs. Lees, Mayor of Oldham. The *Standard* comments:—The position is that a woman by becoming mayor of a town may be compelled to exercise the parliamentary franchise, with more than the average effect. Thus one section of women, while working to prevent women getting the parliamentary vote, are promoting women's enfranchisement. Euclid's conclusion might have been—"Which is absurd."

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Judge Lindsay states that Colorado, where women have for some years had the vote, will soon become the most ideal Commonwealth of the nation.

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Mlle. Ellen Berntsen, the Danish Premier's daughter, is reported to have become a joiner's apprentice, at which trade she intends to earn her living.

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Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, recently addressed a meeting of business men at the Board of Trade, on "What Woman Might Accomplish with the Franchise."

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M. Gaston Lausent, professor at the Chaptal College in Paris, in his address to a girls' school, said: "I hope that you will be good housewives, tender mothers, and perhaps excellent electors, when we have done away with the iniquity which forbids you to vote, while we generously allow you to pay taxes."

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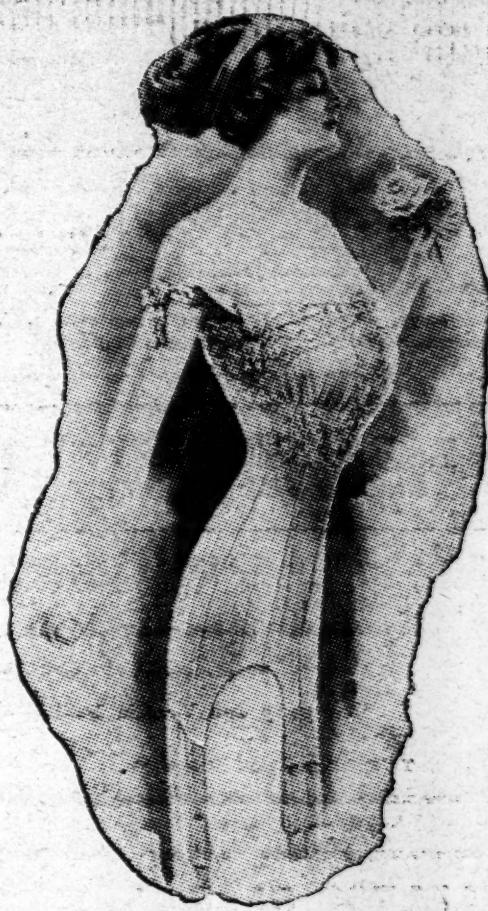
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1911.

THE MANHOOD SUFFRAGE BILL.

War is declared—declared by the Government upon women! That is the meaning of the announcement of a Manhood Suffrage Bill for next Session. The Women's Social and Political Union have immediately responded to the challenge, and a deputation led by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, will, on November 21, go to Westminster in order to tell the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George what women have to say concerning the insult which has been delivered to them.

The statement that a Franchise Bill is to be introduced which gives no place to women is, quite apart from its practical consequences, an outrage upon women's dignity. The insolence of the proposal is intensified by the fact that the Manhood Suffrage Bill is not put forward in response to any demand. There is no agitation for Manhood Suffrage. The Manhood Suffrage Bill is simply an expedient for wrecking Woman Suffrage and building up a solid wall against the enfranchisement of women. The Manhood Suffrage Bill is not the answer to a demand for votes for men: it is the answer to the demand for votes for women.

We call upon men to reject a gift so dishonouring to them. This offer of a Manhood Suffrage Bill is an insult to women, but it is also a deep and wounding insult to men. The Government are convinced that the men of the country are so greedy as to accept what they have not troubled to ask for, rather than wait in order that women may share it with them. The Government think men so dishonest that they will seize for themselves a franchise measure which really belongs to the women who have paid for the vote by incessant labour and by sacrifice and courage without any parallel in the men's movements of to-day. Men who have real manhood in them will reject with contempt this dishonouring and degrading offer of Manhood Suffrage. We challenge those men who opposed the Conciliation Bill because it did not give votes to all women to oppose the Manhood Suffrage Bill because it does not give votes to any woman at all. We challenge those who profess to want a democratic measure of Woman Suffrage to attack the Manhood Suffrage Bill, in order to compel the Government to withdraw it and to introduce in its stead a measure giving the same voting rights to women as to men. Adult Suffrage opponents of a limited Woman Suffrage Bill have been suspected of being Anti-Suffragists in disguise. Now has come the time when the truth of the matter can no longer be hidden.

The suggestion that a Woman Suffrage amendment

can be moved to the Manhood Suffrage Bill is futile and absurd. It is put forward both as a trap for Woman Suffragists, and also as a means whereby Members of Parliament pledged to support Woman Suffrage can escape from their obligations and throw over the women's cause without this being too apparent. One Liberal Suffragist M.P. has already told us that he will vote for the second reading of the Manhood Suffrage Bill as it stands, in the hope that a Woman Suffrage amendment may afterwards be carried. Such a man is a traitor to the cause of women, and also to the cause of Adult Suffrage in which he professes to believe. A Woman Suffrage amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill will be defeated. It cannot be carried except as an integral part of the Government measure, having Government support behind it. The men who tell us that it can be carried without Government support are deliberately trying to fool us, or have been themselves fooled.

The reasons why this amendment is doomed to failure are plain. The majority already recorded for Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons is composed of members of all political parties. The Government's present policy destroys this composite majority by alienating Unionists and moderate Liberals. In other words, it renders impossible that non-party solution of the Woman Suffrage question towards which we have all been working for months gone by. But a yet stronger reason is the absence of Government pressure behind the amendment. Such proposals, which appeal to one side of the House of Commons only, and are food for party struggle, cannot be carried except by the Government. The Liberal Whips are needed to drive the proposal for Womanhood Suffrage through. Their weapon would be the announcement (so compelling in its effect on private Members) that the defeat of the proposal means the downfall of the Government, with all the inconvenient consequences which that will entail. By associating Votes for Women with the policy of Manhood Suffrage, the Government have made it a party question, while at the same time they refuse to make it a party measure. We say emphatically, that the only course for Suffragists to pursue in order to meet such an act of hostility, is for men and women alike to oppose the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and the Government who are its authors.

The policy of seeking to amend the Manhood Suffrage Bill instead of compelling the Government to make Woman Suffrage an integral part of the measure, is fatal for yet another reason. The *Daily News* and the *Westminster Gazette* both refer to the possibility that the Lords may offer to pass the Government's Reform Bill without delaying it for the statutory period of two years, on condition that the Woman Suffrage clause is dropped. The Government, having refused to stake their credit upon this clause, and having indeed had it forced upon them by vote of the House of Commons, would not scruple to strike a bargain with the Lords at women's expense.

It is hinted that if the Womanhood Suffrage amendment is defeated, an amendment on the lines of the Conciliation Bill may then be carried. We repudiate the very suggestion of such a thing. The Conciliation Bill is wiped off the board by the Government's latest announcement. The Conciliation Bill would in fact have entirely ceased to interest us, except that it has now become actually dangerous. The Suffrage movement stands for equality of voting rights between men and women. If men have a limited franchise, women also will accept a limited franchise. If, on the other hand, men have an unlimited franchise, women must have an unlimited franchise too. We consented up to the present time to endorse the Conciliation Bill because if carried it would have given virtual equality to women with men, and because it also made inevitable the equality of the sexes under any subsequently enacted franchise measure. But we absolutely refuse to accept the Conciliation Bill as the accompaniment of Manhood Suffrage. To tolerate a situation in which all men had votes, and only one million women had votes upon a restricted qualification, would be a negation of the root principle of the Woman Suffrage movement.

Again we say, the Government must include a Woman Suffrage proposal in their Bill, and must stand or fall by this proposal just as they are prepared to stand or fall by that part of the Bill which relates to men.

The Government's latest attempt to cheat women of the vote is, of course, inspired by Mr. Lloyd George. The whole crooked and discreditable scheme is characteristic of the man and of the methods he has from the first employed against the Suffrage cause. As to those members of the Cabinet, including Sir Edward Grey, who were instrumental in getting facilities for the Conciliation Bill, their position is certainly an extraordinary one. How is their connivance at Mr. Lloyd George's latest trick consistent with their personal or their political honour? That is a question the answer to which concerns them more than it concerns us. We put not our trust in them, nor in any save in ourselves and in the Power that has breathed life into this movement from the beginning, and will maintain it in dignity and in increasing strength until the victorious end.

Christabel Pankhurst.

LIBERAL PRIME MINISTERS AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A Record of Postponement and Evasion.

At the present juncture it is worth while to look back over the last thirty years, and enumerate the utterances of Liberal Premiers on Woman Suffrage. It will be seen that when a Woman Suffrage Bill has been introduced Prime Ministers have endeavoured to defeat it by arguing that the correct course was to move an amendment to a general electoral reform Bill; when, on the other hand, a Woman Suffrage amendment was being proposed to a general Bill they have argued that the right course was a separate measure.

MR. GLADSTONE IN 1884.

In 1884 a Franchise Bill was introduced into the House of Commons by the Liberal Prime Minister, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. To this Bill Mr. Woodall moved the following amendment:—
For all purposes connected with, and having reference to, the right to vote at Parliamentary Elections words in this Act importing the masculine gender include women.

As a majority of the House were pledged to support woman suffrage it seemed likely that this amendment would be carried. This was prevented by Mr. Gladstone, who said:—

The question of women's enfranchisement was one which required to be thoroughly sifted to the bottom and which ought to be entirely dissociated from every notion of party and every element of political consideration. . . . He and his colleagues entertained the strongest conviction that it was not only not fit but unfitting in every sense of the word to attempt the enfranchisement of women by the introduction of a clause in Committee on the present Bill. They would disclaim all responsibility for the measure if the Hon. Member carried the motion he had in view.

He held out the inducement for members to break their pledges that when the question was "taken out of the vortex of political contention and strife" the supporters of his Government would be free to vote on it according to their convictions.

In consequence of this pronouncement 104 Members pledged to Woman Suffrage, including Mr. Morley (now Viscount Morley), voted against the amendment and secured its defeat.

In November of the same year a separate Bill for Woman Suffrage was introduced, and this is how Mr. Gladstone kept his promise to allow his supporters to follow their own convictions:—

He adjourned the House over the date, November 25, for which the second reading was put down, so that it could not be voted on at all!

For the next twenty years no important pronouncement was made on the question of Woman Suffrage.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN IN 1906.

Shortly after the commencement of the work of the W.S.P.U. in London, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman consented to see a joint deputation of suffrage societies on May 19. He commenced by speaking as a supporter of woman suffrage, dwelling not only on the benefits which the franchise would confer upon women, but their enthusiasm for working for it, their fitness to exercise it, and the good work which they had already done in influencing public affairs. He then added this statement:—

That is where you and I are all agreed. It has been very nice and pleasant hitherto, but with regard to the actual enactment of a Woman Suffrage Bill I have only one thing to preach to you, and that is the virtue of patience.

In 1906 and 1907 the Woman Suffrage Bill was talked out in the House of Commons.

MR. ASQUITH IN 1908.

In February, 1908, the Woman Suffrage Bill, introduced by Mr. Stanger, was carried through its second reading by 179, and Mr. Asquith was approached by a deputation of Liberal M.P.'s on May 20, who asked him to give facilities for the passage of the Bill into law. Mr. Asquith replied to the following effect:—

Facilities could not be given during 1908 for the passage of Mr. Stanger's Bill.

Barring accidents, he regarded it as a duty—indeed, a binding obligation on the Government—before the present Parliament came to an end to bring in an Electoral Reform Bill. This being the intention of the Government, it would be open to Woman Suffragists to effect the enfranchisement of women by means of an amendment. Such an amendment the Government would not oppose, provided (1) it was on democratic lines, and (2) that it had strong and undivided support of the women of the country as well as the present electorate.

Subsequently questioned as to by what means he proposed to ascertain whether the proposal had behind it the support of the women of the country, Mr. Asquith replied:

There are a variety of ways in which opinion may be expressed. It is not for me to say which way is likely to be most effective.

Asked whether a Woman Suffrage amendment to the proposed Government Bill would, if carried, then become part of the Government policy in relation to the franchise, Mr. Asquith replied:

My hon. friend has asked me a contingent question with regard to a remote and speculative future.

MR. ASQUITH IN 1909.

There was no Woman Suffrage Bill before the House of Commons in 1909, and at the end of the year Mr. Asquith called upon the King to dissolve Parliament. Having failed

to carry out the intention announced in the previous year of introducing an Electoral Reform Bill, Mr. Asquith made a statement at the Albert Hall with regard to the policy which he proposed to adopt if returned to power:—

Nearly two years ago I declared on behalf of the present Government, that, in the event of our bringing in a Reform Bill, we should make the question of suffrage for women an open one for the House of Commons to decide. My declaration survives the General Election, and this cause, so far as the Government is concerned, shall be no worse off in the new Parliament than it would have been in the old.

Mr. Asquith's promise of 1908 having proved worthless, the W.S.P.U. were not enamoured of this repetition.

MR. ASQUITH IN 1910.

In 1910 the Conciliation Committee was formed and the first Conciliation Bill was introduced. Time was asked for its discussion, and Mr. Asquith made the following statement:—

The Government have considered this matter, and recognise that the circumstances of the case are exceptional, from the fact that under the conditions which govern private members' proposals the House of Commons has never had an adequate opportunity of discussing so momentous a change. They are, therefore, prepared to give time, before the close of the session, for a full debate and a division on the second reading of the Bill which has been introduced. In view of the exigencies of other Parliamentary business, and their own announced decision not to prosecute contentious legislation, they cannot afford any further facilities to the Bill this session. The Government recognise that the House ought to have opportunities, if that is their deliberate desire, for effectively dealing with the whole question, and the course of the debate may be expected to throw instructive light on Parliamentary opinion both in regard to this Bill and to other proposals.

The second reading debate took place in the House of Commons on July 11 and 12, and resulted in a majority of 145 in favour of the Bill. Mr. Asquith, however, refused to grant further time. On November 18 he announced the dissolution of Parliament, and on November 22 made the following statement:—

The Government will, if they are still in power, give facilities in the next Parliament for effectively proceeding with a Bill which is so framed as to admit of free amendment.

This statement was rejected by the W.S.P.U. as worthless.

MR. ASQUITH IN 1911.

The second Conciliation Bill was introduced in 1911, and was carried through second reading by a majority of 167.

In reply to a question asking for further facilities Mr. Lloyd George, on behalf of Mr. Asquith, said:—

The Cabinet have now given the matter their most careful consideration, and they have come to the conclusion that the Government proposals for legislation will, if they are to be adequately discussed, fully occupy a prolonged Session, and that, without jeopardising the fortunes of those measures, they could not allot to the Woman Suffrage Bill this year such an amount of time as its importance demands. They will be prepared next Session, when the Bill has been again read a second time, either as the result of obtaining a good place in the ballot, or (if that does not happen) by the grant of a Government day for the purpose, to give a week (which they understand to be the time suggested as reasonable by the promoters) for its further stages.

Mr. Asquith subsequently explained this announcement as follows:—

"The week" offered will be interpreted with reasonable elasticity. The Government will interpose no obstacle to a proper use of the closure, and if the Bill gets through Committee in the time proposed, the extra days required for report and third reading would not be refused.

The Government, though divided in opinion on the merits of the Bill, are unanimous in their determination to give effect not only in the letter but in the spirit to the promise in regard to facilities which I made on their behalf before the last General Election.

In a subsequent letter to Lord Lytton, Mr. Asquith wrote:—

I have no hesitation in saying that the promises made by, and on behalf of, the Government in regard to giving facilities for the "Conciliation Bill," will be strictly adhered to, both in letter and in spirit.

The result of Mr. Asquith's present announcement is to centre interest once more on the Government's Electoral Reform Bill, and, provided this is proceeded with, to nullify the value of his promise to the Conciliation Bill. He has thus broken absolutely the spirit of his promise.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

THE MOTHER OF THE MAN.

AN ANSWER TO MR. RUDYARD KIPLING.

[“THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES.”]

When the Lord of the Creation gave the Woman to the Man,
In that blest but brief existence ere the rule of ill began,
Then He knew, whate'er her conduct, whether innocent or frail,
That the female of the species would be scapegoat to the male.

When He banished them from Eden for the sin that each had wrought,
And the flaming sword of vengeance sealed the fate that both had sought,
Then he knew throughout the ages, long as man should tell the tale,
That the female of the species would be temptress to the male.

When He cast His children from Him, and by primal earthly vow
Doomed their seed to eat their life-bread in the sweat of blood and brow,
Then He knew where paths were reddest down the line of labour's trail
There the female of the species would be slave-mate to the male.

When He dowered the Man with passions, when He formed him from the dust,
With its wilderness of instincts, with its lava-streams of lust,
Then He knew that in the whirlwind of his manhood's wasteful gale
Still the female of the species would be subject to the male.

When He ordered that the Woman, both as mother and as wife,
Should obey her law of being as the vehicle of life,
Then He suffered it to happen, lest the generations fail,
That the female of the species might be “deadlier” than the male.

But when the Lord of the Creation gave the Woman to the Man,
In that blest but brief existence ere the rule of ill began,
Then He willed it that if sharing in man's fault and in his fate
She should therefore be his equal and the partner in his state.

Not to govern or cajole him, not to court or speak him smooth,
Not to snare or to enslave him, but to cheer, inspire, and soothe.
Not his temptress, not his slave-mate, not his subject, not his squaw,
But his helpmeet and his angel by the right of God's own law.

If He cursed the Man with labour as the human lot's alloy,
He provided that for Woman his work should be his joy.
If He dowered the Man with passions which the grosser instincts move,
He reserved it to the Woman to uplift his lust to love.

If He ordered that the mother for the children of her womb
Should dare her death by travail and fight till crack of doom,
He ordained that by that impulse, still the purest and the best,
She should gather all that suffer in her pity to her breast.

Nurturing, nursing, guarding, guiding, giving strength with heart and hand,
Paying toll in pangs to Nature which no man may understand,
Dauntless from the God who made her without fear to draw her breath,
Saviour of the weak and helpless, first at birth and last at death.

Since—the Lord creating Woman—she became a living soul
Hers has been the old Earth's burthen, age on age, from pole to pole,
Hers the conflict, hers the conquest, hers the flag of life unfurl'd,
Hers the sorrow, hers the suffering, hers the love that moves the world.

Therefore, why should Man, the Ingrate, when he chooses to confer
Welcome every fool and coward, only close the door on her?
Room, Sirs, room within your Councils, bare your foreheads if you can,
For behold, without your portal, stands the MOTHER OF THE MAN.

HALL CAINE.



THE N.U.T. AND THE VOTE.

Dear Editors.—Many suffragist members of the N.U.T. have been deferring payment of the annual subscription to this organisation on account of the serious dissatisfaction with the Executive for making a compulsory levy of 2s. per member per annum for so-called Parliamentary representation, while taking no steps to ensure such representation to the larger half of its members. This grievance is real and deep seated, but I would point out that in sending the resolution expressing sympathy with its unenfranchised members to the local Associations for discussion and vote, the Executive have now taken a definite step towards making object No. 5 a reality. This resolution has, I believe successfully passed a large number of local Associations. It has come to my knowledge, however, that some suffragist members of the N.U.T. contemplate relinquishing membership through dissatisfaction with the unfair treatment of the resolution at some of the local Associations. May I earnestly appeal to these members not to take any such step? Many dissatisfied suffragist members ceased connection with the N.U.T. in 1910, with the result that those who are fighting this battle through their local Associations are handicapped for want of their vote and support. Membership of the N.U.T. lapses unless the subscription for 1911 is paid before the end of the present month. I sincerely hope all suffragist members will renew their subscription, if they have not already done so, and see that their active support and help is forthcoming during the next few months, when it will be sorely needed if the matter is to be carried to a successful issue at Conference next Easter. One of the twelve objects for which the N.U.T. was founded was to secure the effective representation of educational interests in Parliament. While upwards of 38,000 women members are without the lever to press the matter home at the ballot box, educational interests cannot be effectively represented. We must insist that our Executive makes a definite move in one of the two following directions:

1. The levy of 2s. for Parliamentary purposes must be made optional for conscientious, unenfranchised, objecting members, or
2. The Executive make a determined stand towards securing real Parliamentary representation for those whose money is compulsorily annexed for this object.

May I repeat one or two important items necessary to ensure success in the near future:

1. To pay the subscription, notifying to the collector that it is their intention to watch developments at the next Easter Conference.
2. To go, and take suffragist sympathisers to all local quarterly Association meetings, and support suffragist advocates.
- To ascertain at once the attitude towards this question of all candidates seeking Executive honours, voting and securing support only for those who are thoroughly sound. It is perhaps hardly necessary to draw attention to the inadvisability of supporting those candidates who, like the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the plea of desiring votes for a larger number of women than the present House of Commons would grant, are out to frustrate our aims.
4. To be sure that their own voting papers and those of sympathisers, for election of Executive members, are signed and returned. (Candidates for office are already appealing for support in the educational papers.)
5. To send their own names and addresses (school or private), together with names and addresses of Suffragist N.U.T. sympathisers, to Miss Townsend, 27, Murillo Road, Lee, London.

Miss Townsend is anxious to make a National Register of N.U.T. Suffragist sympathisers. Within the next few months concerted action on a national scale may be necessary at a moment's notice, and if success is to be sure, Miss Townsend must have names and addresses of all sympathisers to hand. Please forward such without delay.—Yours, etc.,

N.U.T. MEMBER.

MR. KING, M.P., AND THE BILL.
Dear Editors.—There is one point in Mr. Joseph King's letter in your issue of October 20 on which I should like to write a few words. He says, in speaking of teachers who would not be enfranchised by the Conciliation Bill, that "not one who lives an unmarried daughter at home" would be a voter. True, but I wonder if Mr. King realises in how many homes the daughter-teacher is its main support, and in how many cases she has no father, her mother being the householder. We hear a great deal from various writers, of "a mother's influence"; I should like to point out that there is also "a daughter's influence," and there is such a strong bond of union between mothers and daughters, especially in the class which supplies us with the majority of our teachers—a freemasonry of which men in general little know—that the unmarried daughters of widowed mothers—a numerous class—are certain to be well represented at the polls when the Conciliation Bill becomes law. Anti-suffragists have argued much that if married women had the vote they would vote the same way as their husbands. Women are quite as likely to vote in the way which suits their daughter breadwinners—in my opinion, more likely; so that the unmarried daughter-teacher must be left out of Mr. King's category when he is dealing with those teachers who would not be benefited by the Conciliation Bill.—Yours, etc., G. C. R.

THE SAVINGS BANK JUBILEE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Dear Editors.—A significant instance of the way in which men ignore women's work occurred on the 3rd inst., on the occasion of the Savings Bank Jubilee, when 2,000 guests were entertained by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London in the historic Guildhall. There was much speech-making—mostly by distinguished Cabinet Ministers, past and present—and, without exception, these speeches were a patting on the male back, aiment the building up, growth and efficient working of a banking concern which, from a beginning of twenty depositors, has trebled the Bank of England in half a century. Not a word about the very capable Lady Superintendent who sat in silence at the back of the platform, nor of the women workers. No one could truthfully state that Miss Smith has not been the ruling spirit in the Savings Bank. It is her administrative abilities

which cause the wheels of such a gigantic banking business to run so smoothly. It is her business acumen that is responsible for the reduction of the deficit.—Yours, etc.,

N. F. D.

ON PITCH.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—After a six weeks' absence, with a bag full of VOTES slung over my shoulder and a poster-board in my other hand, very nervously I took up my position on pitch. Six weeks' rest does not tend to mitigate the fears and qualms that fill your whole being during duty on pitch. Naturally, I began to study the effect my re-appearance had on the passers-by. All glanced at the poster; some looked surprised, as though my temporary absence had signified defeat in their minds; some who did not buy copies seemed to welcome me, and, of course, there were a number of purchasers. But of all that passed there was only one who I felt really understood my object in standing there, and she did not buy a paper, nor did she speak to me. She was a respectable, hard-working charwoman, hurrying along on the far side of the pavement from where I was standing, with her apron on and her sleeves rolled up, and when my eyes met hers she smiled and nodded such an encouraging smile that instantly I felt the bond of sympathy between her heart and mine. She could not have smiled like that if she had not felt I was her friend—no, her sister. Fellow paper-sellers, it's not only to sell VOTES that we expose ourselves to arrogance and curiosity of the public, but for the higher purpose of showing our sisters that we share their burdens and mean to lift them.—Yours, etc., A VOTES SELLER.

SUFFRAGE AND DIVORCE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—The Anti-Suffrage Review quotes Dr. Lee de Forest as saying that his matrimonial troubles have been due to his wife's interest in women's suffrage. This statement was telegraphed broadcast, but Dr. de Forest has since denied it emphatically. He and his wife are both of them believers in women's franchise. Their disagreement was on wholly different grounds. This is only one of many false telegraphic dispatches originating with the opponents of equal rights for women.—Yours, etc., ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, Dorchester, Massachusetts (President, New England Woman Suffrage Association).

THE BADGE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Dear Editors.—In your issue of September 15 Mrs. Suttor suggests that Suffragettes should always wear their badge. I am often surprised I do not see more badges worn, and have frequently asked a Suffragette why she was not wearing her badge, to be met with in reply, "Oh, I've forgotten it!" My plan is always to wear one as a brooch indoors, which I should as soon forget to put on as any part of my apparel. Then I have one on every coat, so that there is no fear of forgetting it in a hurry. If all Suffragettes would adopt this suggestion I think it would do much good. It is also very pleasant to meet those in sympathy, and the badge serves as an introduction.—Yours, etc.,

(Mrs.) ALICE DILKS.
80, Elgin Mansions, W.

IRISHWOMEN AND HOME RULE.

M. E. Duggan writes that in the discussion which has arisen as to the new Irish Electorate under a Home Rule Bill, one very important consideration has been hitherto entirely overlooked:—"If Manhood Suffrage were established in Ireland not only would the women have a grievance, but a direct and deliberate insult, calculated to stir up the most violent party feeling and to render a mockery all previous promises of guarantee to Irish Protestants, would be offered to the two Leaders of the Irish Unionist Party. These gentlemen are elected to represent Dublin University, and any form of the Franchise which would abolish their constituency would certainly be regarded as an attempt to deprive Irish Protestants of a most important safeguard. If, as the Irish Women's Franchise League urge, the new electorate is made to consist of those now on the Municipal Register, it will be perfectly easy to add University Representation for men and women graduates also. I notice suffrage speakers saying that Mr. Redmond has promised safeguards to Protestants, and that women want them too; it would be simpler to say that some Irish Protestants are women, and that therefore Mr. Redmond is in honour bound to give them votes. We can go further and say that another safeguard we desire is that our Roman Catholic women friends should have them too; since we think there would be less chance of political rowdyism, on either side, if women as well as men are consulted about Irish affairs.

UNEQUAL JUSTICE.

Several correspondents write to draw our attention to the sentence on Miss Holder, at the Devon Assizes, of eighteen months' hard labour on a charge of theft. One correspondent contrasts this sentence with that recently passed at Westminster on a butler, who had stolen and disposed of jewellery worth £180, the property of his employer, when the sentence was for four months. Another compares the case of a man who falsified accounts and thus misled thousands of people, and who received a sentence of seven months in the second division.

A correspondent sends us the following, with the remark that it was sent her by a travelling anti-suffragist:—"The Ubiquito.—Far from London, in a hotel twenty-six thousand feet up the Mount Santeve, where English, American, French, Russian, Dutch, German and Spanish congregate, amongst papers in all languages, there it lay—VOTES FOR WOMEN.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE, DEC. 4 TO 9.

Contributors should remember that all their gifts should be sent to stallholders as soon as possible now. All fragile articles should be packed most carefully. A storing place is being arranged for from November 27 to December 1, where stallholders will be able to send their parcels. If contributors cannot send goods by November 24, they must apply to the stallholders at the addresses given below for special labels.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mrs. Pertwee, 4, Tite Street, Chelsea, sends a long list of artists who have kindly promised their services:

Singers.—Mme. Evangeline Florence, Mme. Alice Esty, Miss Daphne Everett, Miss Caroline Hatchard, Miss Edith Clegg, Miss Phyllis Lett, Mme. Bertha Moore, Miss Ada Moore, Miss Marjorie Moore (by permission of Beecham Opera Company), Miss Ross Leo, Miss Griffith Saunders, Miss Agnes Fennings (will bring Octet to sing Dr. Ethel Smyth's suffrage song, "1910"), Lady Sybil Smith, Miss Martha Cunningham, Miss Alice Prowse, Miss Aimee Parkerson, Miss Margaret Stone, Miss Flora Mann, Miss Lilian Berger, Miss Gertrude Inglis, Miss Palgrave Turner, Miss Florence Castelle, Miss Vera Coburn, Miss Grainger Kerr, Miss Nellie Addison, Miss Williamson, Miss W. Carey, Miss May Coleman, Mr. Haydon Coffin and Miss Elsie Spain (by permission of Mr. George Edwardes), Mme. Holma, Mme. Natalia di Mexia, Miss Grace Kemp Gee, Mme. Meux, Mr. Guy Pertwee.

Pianists.—Mme. Lise Lehmann, Miss Myrtle Meggy, Miss Auriol Jones, Miss Edith Parsons, Dr. Ethel Smyth.

Violinists.—Mme. Beatrice Langley, Miss Selma Sacke, Miss Marjorie Hayward, Miss Marjorie Clemens, Miss Hilda Lett.

Viola.—Miss Maud Aldis.

Cello.—Miss May Mukle, Miss Beatrice Evelyn.

Reciters.—Miss Eva Moore, Miss Grace Crocker, Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Nellie Sergeant, Miss Sydney Keith, Miss Winifred Mayo, Miss Mollie Verden, Mr. Ernest Pertwee, Mr. Ernest Denny, Miss Hugolin Haweis, Miss Janet Steer.

Entertainers.—Mr. Percy French, Mr. Gerald Lindley, Mr. Arthur Helmore, Mr. Barclay Gammon, Miss Esme Hubbard.

Accompanists.—Miss E. K. Russell, Mme. J. Van Raalte, Miss May Walker, Miss Anne Mukle, Miss Eva Lonsdale.

All the plays will be produced under the direction of Miss Inez Bensusan. Artists who have already promised:—Miss Eva Moore, Mrs. Saba Raleigh, Miss Gillian Scaife, Miss Helen Haye, Miss Dora Barton, Miss Edith Olive, Miss Elaine Inescourt, Miss Alice Crawford, Miss Amy Brandon Thomas, Miss Margaret Bussé, Miss Victoria Addison, Miss Beatrice Filmer, Miss Margaret Damner, Miss Lilian Revell, Miss Jess Doryne, Miss Winifred Mayo, Miss Auriol Lee, Miss May Whitty, Miss Jean McKinley, Mr. Harcourt Williams, Mr. Ernest Thesiger, Miss Constance Walton, Miss Irene Moncrieffe, Mr. Thos. Sidney, Mr. Fredk. Morena, Miss Violet Bazalgette, Mr. Benedict Butler.

REFRESHMENT ROOM.

The committee of the Refreshment Room have to thank the following for promises:—Mrs. Sadie Brown, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Löwy, Miss Mayes, Mrs. Hollings, Miss Tyson, Mrs. Martin, Miss Woodhull, Lady Taylor, and will be glad to receive further offers of help. Promises of food to be sent to Mrs. Tuckwell, 4, Ingoldsby Mansions, Avonmore Road, West Kensington. Offers of help as waitresses in refreshment room should be sent to Mrs. Walter Sykes, 28, Whitehall Court, London, S.W.; Mrs. Hollings, Watchetts, Frimley; and to Miss Joan Dugdale, 13, Stanhope Place, Marble Arch, W.

FAIR SECTION.

Men's Political Union. Sec.—Mr. A. McDougal, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

A special appeal is made this week for help and money. Helpers are urgently required for the afternoon, even anyone who can only give a few hours. Members are asked not to wait until the last week before they offer their help. Members will greatly oblige by sending in their names now and stating what time they can help. Two other additions have been made to the attractions, viz., Mr. Herbert J. Collings, who will present his drawing-room séance, and Professor L. Georgio. There will, of course, be the Punch and Judy show also, and it promises to be most amusing, some well-known authors and authoresses being among the special composers. In addition to these there will be the shooting range, the shies, the roundabout, the hoop-la, and for all of these helpers are required. Members and friends are reminded that all the above shows are costing much initial expenditure, therefore all who can help with donations before the Fair week are invited to do so. Gifts of the following articles, or money to buy them, will be gladly acknowledged:—5 dozen wooden balls 2 ins. in diameter for the shies; two baskets for holding the balls; 1 gross of small envelopes for holding quantities of six slugs at the shooting range; 6 basket-chairs of bath-chair shape; drapery for hoop-la table, also small articles, such as boxes of cigarettes, chocolates, home-made sweets, bon-bons, lavender bags and sachets, small pin-cushions, rakes of soap, and any other small articles one can think of; two painted tambourines, or some other quaint things for collection boxes for the Punch and Judy show.

BOOK STALL.

Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp, 133, Church Street, Kensington, W.

Books (not secondhand) will be welcome and it is suggested that authors, booksellers and publishers should be approached for these by anybody acquainted with them, personally or through business. It is also suggested that Kensington members and friends in making gifts to other stalls should, while making this no condition, ask for books to be given in return if possible.

OTHER STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES.

ANTIQUES STALL Mrs. Thomas, Llanwern Park, Newport, Mon.

BASKETS AND BAGS Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol.

BLOUSE STALL Miss Jessie Pease, M.V., Goswell Road, E.C.

CUSHIONS AND MATS (of all descriptions) The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 50, Praed Street, Paddington.

GUERRING AND COMPTITION Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 2, Station Ridge, W. Croydon.

HOUSE LINENS Mrs. Walter Dodson, Holmsey, Woodstock, near Leids.

LUCKY TUBS Mrs. East, 21, Brandonbury Road, Chiswick.

PARCEL STALL (including paper, net and string bags) UNDERCLOTHING

WELSH STALL Mrs. Mackworth, Llan-

scott, Cardigan, Man.

WOOLLEN STALL Miss Alice Wheeler, Middlestone Lodge, Cheltenham.

SPECIAL COLOUR STALL LITERATURE Woman's Press.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN."

The following are warmly thanked for books:—Messrs. Eyre, Hatchard, and Maunsell; Miss Bonford, Miss A. Lilla Durham, Mr. Laurence Housman. Gifts of money are acknowledged under Campaign throughout the Country.

LACE, EMBROIDERY AND ART METAL WORK.

Sec.—Miss Florence E. Cobb, 8, North St., Quadrant, Brighton.

Work parties will be held at Miss Turner's, 13, Victoria Road, on Monday, November 13, at 7.45 p.m., and at the office on Tuesday, November 14, at 3 p.m. The small sale of work at the office will be on Wednesday, November 22, and members are asked to send all goods to Miss Cobb by Monday, November 20, at the latest. Gifts of cakes and home-made sweets will be very acceptable, as well as all kinds of plain and fancy work. Many thanks for gifts and money for materials fund, to Mrs. Aldred, Miss M. Lawrence, M. Martin, Miss Moses, Miss Pilcher and Miss Turner.

TOY STALL.

Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, S.W.

Can anyone give or lend four market baskets, about 2 ft. square and 1 ft. high to be placed under the stall for reserve goods? Toys are beginning to be sent in now, and an appeal is made to all friends who intend to contribute not to delay longer than necessary before sending in their gifts. Parcels should be sent direct to Miss Tyson. Mrs. Hertha Ayrton, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, Mrs. Verran, Mrs. Johnson and many others are heartily thanked for their charming gifts. Small toys suitable for Christmas stockings are still needed. Gratefully acknowledged in lieu of toys: Miss B. Gurney, 10s.

A very successful work party was held at 2, Huron Road on Saturday. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Robb for slippers and to Miss Annie Robinson for hand-worked lace collars for exchange for toys. As time is getting short now and toys will have to be sent in soon, will members please send in all finished toys as early as possible? All communications with regard to Balham and Tooting share of the Toy stall should be addressed to Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham.

ART AND CRAFT STALL.

Sec.—Miss Blacklock, 308, King's Road, Chelsea. Please note that the work party will be held at 4, Cheyne Row, in future, by kind invitation of Miss Barry. Gifts of materials for artists' overalls, and help in making them up, will be much appreciated. Special orders for overalls can be carried out.

SOAP, SCENT, & HANDKERCHIEFS.

Sec.—Miss Wilson, 5, East Cliff, Dover.

It has been found necessary to alter the time limit to Saturday, November 18 (to-morrow week) as otherwise there will not be sufficient time for awarding the prizes and arranging and packing the soap, which must be sent off early the following week. Competitors are therefore asked to send in their collections not later than the above date to Miss Worfold, 45, Bouvier Road West, Folkestone. Although the prizes will be awarded solely on the quality and quantity of the soap sent in, yet competitors are earnestly asked to pack as neatly and daintily as possible, for the sake of the stall, and also to mark everything, especially the dearer articles. Gratefully acknowledged from Canterbury members: Towards Shilling Fund, Mrs. Tomkins, £1 10s.; Mrs. Wells, 10s. Also the following donations: Miss Palm, handkerchiefs, scent and sachets; Mrs. P. Collard, handkerchiefs; Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Smith, soap; Mrs. Jennings, soap, scent and handkerchiefs; Mrs. Blain, scent.

POTTERY AND CHINTZ.

Mrs. Hicks, 178, Finchley Road, Hampstead. The secretary acknowledges with thanks gifts of pottery from Miss Gratton and from Miss Spong. Miss Conder, 2s. 6d.; Miss Nicholl, 5s. Mrs. Clayton has made some charming writing boards, and Miss Graily Hewitt some pretty blotters in chintz.

appliances; Mrs. Janau for a beautiful Indian lace hood; a local draper who wishes to remain anonymous, for a number of children's things; Mrs. Gordon for more socks; Miss Wheaton for baby vests; Mrs. Pape for offering to make up some of the fine white work. Who will supply wool for volunteer knitters; tiny celluloid boxes like tooth powder boxes; powder boxes and puffs? A very large doll is wanted at once. Who will supply it? A small-size wicker cradle will also be welcome. More fine white workers are still needed, and if unable to come to the work parties held at the offices every Tuesday from 2.30 to 6.30, will they write to Miss Nuthall, Holly Lodge, Kingston-on-Thames, mentioning whether they can make little pinwheels and little cambric frocks, also whether they can supply the material? Finished work should be sent in as soon as possible, carefully packed and addressed to Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey. After November 15, the competitions will have to be closed. For full particulars of these apply to Miss Nuthall, as above. The stall managers deeply appreciate the regular attendance of the workers on Tuesdays, and hope they will continue to come punctually and stay all the time. Those who cannot do work are asked to contribute to the Shilling Fund.

MANY INVENTIONS.

Sec.—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton, Somerset.

"Many Inventions" will include foreign and British specialities, Italian hand-printed paper work, Florentine vellum, Norwegian boxes, foreign jewellery, Morocco baskets, foreign toys, women's arts and crafts of all kinds, including leather and pewter work, rushwork, and some art embroidery. Any kinds of artistic contributions most gratefully received.

MILLINERY.

Sec.—Mrs. Reginald Pott, II, Scarsdale Villas, Kensington.

Mrs. Reginald Pott would like to remind all those who are kindly giving her hats for her stall, that they should be sent to the above address by November 25. She hopes that all members are waiting until the Fête and Fair opens to buy their winter hats. The following firms have already most generously promised hats:—Madame Agutter, South Molton Street; Madame Atkins, Harewood Place, Hanover Square; Messrs. John Barker, Kensington; Madames Caplin and Ballard, 32, Heath St., Hampstead; Madame Corelli, 137A, Kensington High Street; Madame Elizabeth, South Molton Street; Madame Emilie, Woking; Madame Farquharson, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. Glyn, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. Jones, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. Liberty, Regent Street; Miss Amy Kotze, 8, Great Marlborough Street, Regent Street; Miss Mulberry, Grafton Street, Bond Street; Messrs. Ponting, Kennington; Messrs. Peter Robinson, Regent Street; Madame Rejee Le Roy, 71, Park Street, Grosvenor Square; Miss Mildred Trim, 74, Walmsley Lane, Willesden.

CHRISTMAS FAIR, FARM PRODUCE, AND FLOWERS.

Sec.—Mrs. Marshall, 58, York Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W., and Miss Grace Rose.

Gratefully acknowledged: Kind gifts of 240 lbs. of apples, a further contribution from Mrs. Brewster, and quince jam from Miss A. Everitt.

JEWELLERY AND GLASS.

Sec.—Miss Julia Green, 375, Harborne Road, Edgbaston.

As the time is getting short, will all members and friends kindly send in the goods as soon as possible? Gifts of jewellery and glass or contributions in money will be gladly received. Many thanks to those members who have already sent in gifts.

CURIOS AND BRIC-A-BRAC.

Sec.—Miss Wilson, 24, Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, S.W.

Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Wyles, feather-work by tribe of S. A. Indians; Miss Eileen Casey, antique figures; Mrs. E. Zengwill, menu-holders, "Martin-ware" jar, and pair of Eastern shoes; "Anonymous," pair of Swedish peasant-work candlesticks.

LUCKY TUBS.

Sec.—Mrs. East, 21, Brandenburgh Road, Chiswick.

Gratefully acknowledged: — Parcels from "Anonymous," Carrie and Annie, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, Misses Rose and Alice Farmer.

UNDERCLOTHING.

Sec.—Miss Nellie Crocker, 6, Carlton Street, Nottingham.

£60 worth of value in cash and goods has already been secured. The speciality at present is silk nightgowns of Magyar cut embroidered at neck and sleeves, also silk camisoles. An order has recently been booked for a lady going for a tour in the West Indies. The secretary is open to more. A pattern garment as to size and length is a great help in ordering. Who will contribute toward the £40 still to be made up?

PRESENTS FOR MEN.

Sec.—Mrs. Harverson, Mayfield Road, Boyne Park, Tunbridge Wells.

North and West Kent and North Islington are responsible for the Presents for Men stalls, and members in these parts who have not yet sent in contributions are asked to communicate without delay with the Fête officers in their respective districts. Besides the goods promised and given and the work done, Miss Billing acknowledges with grateful thanks: Mrs. Harverson, £1 ls.; Mrs. Schwezer, 10s.; Miss M. Wedgwood, 10s. 6d.; Miss Adams, 1s.; Miss Mary Mills, 2s.; Miss Manby, 5s. 6d.; Miss Courtenay Page, 5s.; Mrs. Devon, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Wanstell, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. and Miss Ferne, 1s.; Mrs. Powell, 1s.; Anon., 10s.; Miss Bayley, 2s. 6d.; Madame Houfer, 2s. 6d.

No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentage can under any circumstances be allowed.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Members are reminded to get an Albert Hall ticket for that new friend they met last week. The Albert Hall meeting on Thursday provides a splendid means of sweeping many new converts into the ranks of the W.S.P.U. No one must attend it without having made some effort to bring new friends.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Secretaries: A Secretaries' meeting will be held in Room 72, 4, Clements Inn, on Monday, November 20, at 6 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Sue Watt, 13, Stratford Road.
Hon. Organiser—Miss H. Gargett, 4, Stoward Rd., Palmer's Green.

Will members and friends do their utmost to advertise the meeting on November 14? This will be a splendid opportunity for all local people to hear the case for Woman's Suffrage from three excellent speakers.

CAMBERWELL AND DULWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. J. D. Westbrook, 63, Calton Road, Dulwich Village, S.E.

Members are invited to bring friends to a social meeting on Monday; see programme. New members will be welcomed. Music and refreshments.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 84, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

A very pleasant and profitable time was spent at the social evening last Friday. Several new members were made, and a good collection taken. Thanks to all members and friends who so kindly helped to make it a success—Miss Maida Jordan Hill, Mrs. Moore, Miss Swann, and others. Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss McGowen, 1s.; Miss M. Strong, 1s. 9d.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 389 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Many thanks to Lucy Moyer for her excellent speech at Purley on November 2. Fresh interest was aroused, and offers of future help received. More paper-sellers are wanted. Miss Julian has taken a regular pitch, but there are still vacant days. Stewards for Stanley Hall, South Norwood, on November 20, at 3 p.m., and helpers for the Blouse and Robe Exhibition to be held there, are wanted. Members please bring friends to view the splendid selection of goods. Gratefully acknowledged: Lady Meyer, travel expenses, 3s. 6d.; Roy Inglis, Esq., 5s.

EALING.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Finlay, 33, Warwick Road. Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road.

Women householders took advantage of the recent Town Council Election to enquire of the candidates' views on the Conciliation Bill before going to the poll. The result is not yet fully known, but many of the replies were favourable.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—908, Fulham Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cutten and Mrs. Roberts.
Members are reminded that the time before the Christmas Fête is very short, and that everyone's help is needed if Putney and Fulham stall is to be a success.

Work parties are held at the shop on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Those who prefer to work at home can be supplied with articles already cut out and tacked together. The treasurer reminds members of the Albert Hall contribution. Already acknowledged: 12s. 6d.; Miss Farley Smith 2s. 6d. A few tickets (1s. and 8d.) are still on sale.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD & WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billinghurst, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

A vigorous campaign was carried on during the week to advertise Miss Pankhurst's meeting. Open-air meetings were addressed by Miss Kelly, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. McKeown, and Miss Taylor. Handbills were distributed from a decorated trap and at the Arsenal gates. Women householders were visited, and a poster parade, with a decorated trap at its head, paraded the chief streets of Woolwich, Plumstead, etc. Thanks to the energetic paper-sellers, nine dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold during the week, and altogether much good work has

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

November.

Friday, 10	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	7.45 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katherine Street.	8 p.m.
" "	Hackney Baths, Lower Clapton Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road.	8-10 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside).	
" "	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Tufnell Park Tube, Boston.	8 p.m.
" "	Walthamstow, Church Hill.	7.45 p.m.
Saturday, 11	Harlesden, Manor Park Road.	8 p.m.
" "	High Barnet, Market Place.	8 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Baffour Road.	8 p.m.
" "	North Islington, corner of Hornsey and Seven Sisters Roads.	8 p.m.
" "	Upper Tooting, 64, Hendham Road.	7 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Broadway.	6.30 p.m.
Sunday, 12	Catford Tram Terminus.	3.30 p.m.
" "	Hyde Park.	
" "	Wimbledon Common.	
Monday, 13	London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.	3 p.m.
" "	Lordship Lane, Humber Hall.	3.15 p.m.
" "	Nutford Place, St. Luke's.	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 14	90, Fulham Road.	2-6 p.m.
" "	Lambeth, Kennington Theatre (outside).	8 p.m.
" "	Nuttford Place, Edgware Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Palmer's Green, N. Hazelwood Lane Schools.	8 p.m.
" "	Stamford Hill, Amhurst Park Corner.	8 p.m.
" "	Walthamstow, Baths, High Street.	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway.	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 15	4, Cheyne Row.	2.30 p.m.
" "	Coulsdon, At Home.	2.30 p.m.
" "	905, Fulham Road.	5.30 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 13, Parkhill Road.	3 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Town Hall.	7-10 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Brondesbury Road.	3 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 8, Warwick Avenue.	8 p.m.
" "	50, Praed Street.	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 34, Hopton Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common, Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road.	8 p.m.
Thursday, 16	Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, W.	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 27, Copely Park.	3-6 p.m.
" "	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	7.45 p.m.
" "	Hackney Baths, Lower Clapton Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Harrow, Burgoyne Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road.	8 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside).	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road.	8 p.m.

been done for the cause. Jumble parcels can be sent to the hon. sec.

HACKNEY.

Office—75, Lower Clapton Road.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 39, Finsbury Road.

On Friday evening Miss Douglas Smith addressed the members. Arrangements were also made for the Albert Hall meeting on November 16.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—178, Finchley Road.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss G. Collier.

Members are asked to give all the time they can to work for the Christmas Fair Stall, and to attend one of the weekly work parties when possible (see programme). A few invitations for the debate at Mrs. Ireson's house on Wednesday may still be had from the shop. The Union regrets the loss of Miss Spont, who has been so helpful in many ways, and who is now leaving the neighbourhood. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. John Gulich, 13a.; Mrs. Frazer, 2a.

HARROW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Tross, 103, Vaughan Road.

A successful drawing-room meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Jenkins, "Woodstock" Butler Avenue, on Friday, October 27. Mrs. A. J. Webb spoke, and Mrs. Penn-Gaskell was in the chair. New members were added.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 63, Cranbrook Road.

On Saturday a splendid audience assembled to hear Miss Myers, who again sold the whole week's supply of paper. Both E.C.C. candidates were in favour of the Conciliation Bill. The work parties are making good progress. Many thanks to Miss Mason for her generous donation of £1 (part profits of a Morris dancing class), and to Mrs. Dearden, 3a. Members requiring Albert Hall tickets should order at once.

ISLINGTON.

Office—37, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. Casserley.

Will members please note that Miss Apidjah will be at the office on Wednesday, November 15, from 6 p.m., to receive donations for the purpose which is to be presented at the Albert Hall? During November sewing-meetings will be held at the office every Wednesday and Thursday evening, under the direction of Miss Moulden. Will more workers come forward? Even one evening is a help. The Fête secretary gratefully acknowledges from Miss Hopkins, 5s. 9d., for blouse material.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. E. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.

A successful At Home was held by the kindness of Mrs. Wilfrid Stokes, at which Miss Muriel Thomson spoke delightfully to many who were at a suffrage meeting for the first time. The house-to-house canvass with the paper is proving successful, one seller disposing of six in one road; these she has promised to deliver weekly. Owing to renewed efforts on the part of paper-sellers the paper has sold much better in the street this week. A by-election is pending in the Holland Ward; should there be a contest, it is hoped that all members and sympathisers who are ratepayers will back up the action of the Kensington W.S.P.U. in choosing the right candidate for support and that others will also give their help in the campaign. Lady Home is thanked for her monthly donation of £1, and the following for donations to the Christmas Fair Bookstall:—Miss Aldis, 5s.; Miss Dixon, £1; Miss Douglas, 5s.; Mrs. Ferguson, 2s.; Miss Limouzin, 1s.; Miss Martin, 5s.; Mrs. Morrison, 5s.; Miss Moore, 2s. 6d.; Miss Stephen, 2s. 6d.; Miss F. H. Barnes, £1; S. E. W., 5s.

LAMBETH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. M. Hawkins, 60, Hackford Road, Brixton.

The first of the weekly outdoor meetings was held at Kennington Theatre on Tuesday, and was successful. Miss C. Hopkins spoke. More helpers are urgently needed. Major Gastel, M.P. for North Lambeth, has been interviewed this week, and has promised to support the Conciliation Bill, and to oppose all dangerous amendments.

LEWISHAM.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Christina Campbell, Miss C. Townsend.

At the tram terminus on Sunday, October 29. There was also a splendid meeting on Sunday last with Mrs. Bouvier as speaker. The open-air meetings are keeping Votes for Women well to the front in Lewisham. Please send jumble sale goods to Miss Leigh, 8

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November 21, when Miss G. Brackenbury will be the speaker. It is hoped members will make this known and bring as many friends as possible. It has also been arranged to canvass women householders in conjunction with the local branch of the N.U.W.S.S. Promises of financial support should be sent to the Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Office—21, Old Christchurch Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss N. Blackledge.
Sewing meetings will be held every Tuesday and Friday at the office and it is hoped that members will endeavour to be present and give all the help they can. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Morgan Jones, 5s.; Mrs. and Miss Brailey, 7s.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.
Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4883 Nat.
Organiser—Miss G. Allen.

The work party for the Fancy Fair will be on Mondays, at 13, Victoria Road, at 8 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the office, between 3 and 5 p.m. The organiser wishes to thank all those who have kindly helped the Home with cakes, etc. Mon. Nov. 13.—The Royal Pavilion, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Captain Gonne, R.A., 8 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 15.—Sea Front, 3.30 p.m.

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.
Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, Trevarra,
30, Bouvier Road West, Folkestone.

Members are urgently requested to concentrate on the Soap, Scent and Handkerchief Stall, the arrangements for which are making most satisfactory progress. Will Canterbury members communicate with Miss Burch, St. Sepulchre's, and Folkestone members with Miss Worsfold, 45, Bouvier Road West, local bazaar secretaries? Miss Worsfold is anxious to arrange a work-party next week. Those who can help her from 2.15 p.m. till 4.15 p.m. next Wednesday afternoon (November 15) are asked to let her know as soon as possible.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.
Organiser—Miss D. A. Bowker. Shop: 8, Trinity Street, Hastings. Telephone N. 754.

The shop was opened last Saturday; many thanks to all those who helped to get things ready, and also to the Propaganda League for the loan of chairs, tables, etc. The gift or loan of two screens would be most acceptable. The shop will be open daily from 11 to 1 and from 3 to 6; volunteers are still needed to take shop duty. Members are urged to bring friends and sympathisers to the Monday At Homes. Promises of contributions are invited for the Sussex Stall; goods of every description will be acceptable for sale before November 17, and money will go towards purchasing required articles for the stall. A dozen dessert-d'oeuvres, which have been given for this purpose, are on view at the shop. All promises of financial support received between now and November 15 will be sent up to the platform at the Albert Hall, to swell the fund to be raised at that meeting.

Mon., Nov. 13.—Hastings, 8, Trinity Street, At Home, Mrs. Bouvier, 4-6 p.m.

HITCHIN, LETCHWORTH, & DISTRICT.
Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Goodliffe, Elm Tree House, Letchworth; Mrs. E. B. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin.

The whilst drive was a great success, socially and financially. Thanks to all those friends who worked so hard in selling tickets, printing, and all those who lent furniture, provided refreshments and prizes, and contributed items for the social cart. Members please induce others to join the work parties. Mrs. Hunter's lecture was much enjoyed. Please advertise lecture by Mrs. Price: "Prometheus Unbound." Time is short and the standard of attendances must be well maintained. Chalkers for Saturday morning are needed.

Sat., Nov. 11.—Skittles Inn, Mrs. Price, Miss Porter, 8 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 14.—Elm Tree House, Letchworth Lane, Work Party, 3-7 p.m.

PORTRUSH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 81, Oxford Street, Southampton.

Southampton members please help all you can to have a big audience to hear the speakers on Tuesday, (see below). Stewards and literature and paper-sellers should be at the Victoria Rooms by 6.45 p.m., in white, if possible, with the colours. The handkerchief kindly given by Mrs. Shaw has been raffled. Number 20 (Mr. Cooper) was the winner, and £1 4s. was thus raised for the funds. The Southampton Whist Drive was most successful. Prizes were kindly given by Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Hartnell, and Miss Cumberland. Nearly £10 was realized by the two Jumble Sales. A meeting will be held in Portsmouth Albert Hall on Friday, December 1, at 8 p.m. Speakers, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and the Rev. J. Ivory Cripps, B.A. Admission free. Tickets for front seats, price 1s. and 6d., can be had at 4, Pelham Road, and from local members. Contributions for the bazaar on Dec. 13 and for the Campaign are urgently needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss M. S. Bennett, 2s.; Profit on Southampton Whist Drive, £2 9s. 6d.; Profit on Southampton Jumble Sale, £5 15s. 4½d.

Tues., Nov. 14.—Southampton, Victoria Rooms, Miss Vida Goldstein, F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq. Chair: The Countess of Selborne, 8 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 15.—Southampton, Naini Tal, College Place, sewing meeting, 3.30-6 p.m.

READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office—49, Market Place. Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss O. L. Cobb.

It is expected that Miss LeLacheur will be detained upon for the non-payment of her taxes. Will members kindly be ready to help with the proposed tax-resisters demonstration. On Monday next Mrs. Conybeare will address the Women's Liberal Association on Women's Suffrage, in Cross Street Hall. Non-members are cordially invited. Members are asked to rally well for this last sewing meeting! Thanks to Mrs. Martin (Mayoress), Mrs. Green, and Miss de Pass for blouse lengths received.

Fri., Nov. 10.—Shop, Miss Douglas Smith, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary's Butts, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, Sewing Meetings, 2.30-6 p.m.

REDHILL.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, The Red Cottage, Cavendish Road.

Sat., Nov. 11.—Ladbrooke Road; Mrs. Cather, 8 p.m.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Sky, 28, Clifftown Road.

Mrs. Kington Parkes had a very appreciative audience at Milton Hall on Friday, November 3. Mrs. Parish, 68, Southchurch Road, will be glad if members and sympathisers will communicate with her. An appeal was made in VOTES FOR WOMEN for a bath-chair for member, Messrs. Robert Fuller and Co., of Hackney Road, London, kindly presented one. Their generosity has been much appreciated.

ST. ALBANS.

Wed., Nov. 15.—Town Hall, Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bland, "Mowers."

On Thursday last Mrs. Drummond met members and sympathisers and officially formed a local union. Thanks to Mrs. Calderbank for kindly lending her sitting-room for the meeting, and also to those who provided the refreshments, which included a suffragette cake, fed in the colours with the prison bars. Members are exceedingly busy working to make Mrs. Drummond's meeting at Ruskin Hall, on November 14, a great success. Helpers are wanted for distributing handbills, stewarding, etc. The use of a motor car would be greatly appreciated for delivering bills in outlying villages.

WEST AND NORTH KENT.
Organiser—Miss Evelyn Billing, 124, Canterbury Road, Gillingham.

On Tuesday, November 21, Mrs. Drummond will speak at the Masonic Hall, Balmoral Road, Gillingham; chair, Mrs. Packman, of Rochester, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 1s. (numbered and reserved), 6d. and 2d., are on sale at 330, Canterbury Road. Members must ensure a good audience by canvassing and bill distributing at all available moments; will others please undertake this work? On Sunday the organiser spoke, by invitation, to members of the Men's Adult School, who were most sympathetic. A good open-air meeting was held at the Cannon, in Maidstone, on October 31.

Fri., Nov. 10.—Gardiner Street, 7.30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 11.—Canterbury Road and Vicarage Road, 7.30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 14.—Chatham Town Hall (near), 7.30 p.m.

WOKING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Horace Barrett, Maybury Croft, Heathside.

The canvass of women voters is still progressing, and new members are being enrolled. Members are asked to help with this work. Miss D. Orpin has undertaken, for the present, to deliver and sell VOTES FOR WOMEN in the district. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Robert Rolfe, subscription.

The Midlands.**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.**

Office—97, John Bright Street, Tel., 1413 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

An open-air campaign will be carried on in Birmingham and its immediate neighbourhood from November 15 to 29, to advertise the Town Hall meeting. Volunteers are wanted for speaking and paper-selling. Members are asked to keep themselves free during the last week before the meeting for poster parades and street advertising.

Wed., Nov. 15.—Queen's College, Dr. Marion McKenzie, 8 p.m.

COVENTRY, LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, RUGBY, AND STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Office—33, Earl Street, Coventry. Organiser—Miss Markwick.

On Thursday, November 2, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Coventry Baths. The organiser heartily thanks Canon and Mrs. Masterman for their hospitality to Lord Lytton, Mr. and Mrs. Widdrington for entertaining Mrs. Nevinson, and Mrs. Cash for entertaining Lady Willoughby de Broke. All the members have worked splendidly, and the organiser feels sure they will understand how grateful she is for their help. It was entirely due to them that the meeting was such a success. Many thanks to Mrs. Maguire for taking over the literature, and to Miss Breakwell for managing the box-office.

Tues., Nov. 14.—Stratford-on-Avon, "Llewellyn," Evesham Place, Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Hazel. Hostess: Mrs. Large, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 16.—Leamington, Trocadero, Miss Gladys Hazel, 7.30 p.m.

DROITWICH.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans, c/o Osmonds, Hadley, Droitwich.

A social gathering, to which all local women burgesses are being invited, will be held on Monday (see below). A thorough canvass of women municipal voters is being undertaken, and a great deal of sympathy has been shown. Open-air meetings are also being held. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Browne for her kind hospitality to workers and speakers, as well as her valuable financial aid, and to Miss Price, Miss Hall, and Miss Lines for their share in the work. Mon., Nov. 13.—Raven Hotel, Social, Miss Douglas Smith, 3 p.m.

KINGSWINFOR.

Organiser—Miss Bertha Ryland, 97, John Bright Street, Birmingham.

As a result of the campaign, a meeting has been arranged by Mrs. Skelding, of Kingswinford, and Mrs. Higgs, of Pennsnett. This meeting is for women, and is in connection with the Women's Unionist Association, and will be held at the National Schools, Pennsnett, on Wednesday, November 22, at 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss Dorothy Evans. Funds are most urgently needed to carry on the campaign in this district, and donations, however small, will be most welcome.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTON-SHIRE.

Office—4, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1715. Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

Tickets (reserved seats 1s. each) are now ready for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday, November 15. The organiser relies upon each member for the success of the meeting. Handbills are also ready. Councillor Sidney Gimson has very kindly promised to take the chair, and Mrs. Pemberton Peake will recite Mr. Sidney Low's answer to "the female of the species."

Fri., Nov. 10.—St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, Sewing Meeting, 3-9 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 15.—Corn Exchange, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Fri., Nov. 17.—St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, Sewing Meeting, 3-9 p.m.

LICHFIELD.

Organiser—Miss Bertha Ryland, The Minster Cafe, Lichfield.

Members and sympathisers in Lichfield are asked to make Lady Myer's reception at the Swan Hotel as widely known as possible amongst their friends.

NORTHAMPTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Miller, Albion Hotel, Kettering.

Good work has been done in several towns, and Miss Dorothy Pethick has addressed a number of meetings this week. Best thanks to Miss Corcoran and Miss O. Swain for their able assistance in working up the meetings. An excellent meeting was held at Thrapston Temperance Hall, on Tuesday, when the resolution was carried with only three dissentients. At Wellington, on Wednesday, the resolution was carried unanimously. At meetings held at Rushden and Kettering on Thursday and Friday new members were made. Expenses were covered by collections, and good propaganda work was done. Thanks to Mrs. Bull, who kindly took the chair in Kettering. Sympathisers are reminded that Mrs. Portwey is speaking at an afternoon meeting in Kettering, on Wednesday, November 15.

NOTTINGHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Miller, Albion Hotel, Kettering.

Will members make a special effort to be present at Mrs. Portwey's meeting (see below)? It is her first visit to Nottingham, and a good attendance is much desired. If each member would beat up a friend and bring her with her, the result would be obvious.

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West of England.**BATH.**

Shop—12, Walcot St. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

A most successful At Home was held on Friday, at the York House Hotel, with the kind assistance of Miss Jane Steer, Miss Fellowes, Colman and Miss Nuttall (A.F.L.). A large and representative audience greatly appreciated their songs and recitations. Mrs. Mansel spoke on the movement, urging all to help. Members were made and much sympathy was shown. In view of Mr. Lloyd George's visit to the city, a mass demonstration is being organised to be held at the Guildhall, on November 20, in support of the Bill and to protest against widening amendments. Every Suffragist should bring friends to hear Mr. Laurence Housman, the Rev. Ivory Cripps and others, and all efforts

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should be concentrated on making this a real demonstration. There will be much work in connection with the meeting; please come to the office and see what you can do. Since I thank to Lady Tupper, who so kindly assisted by speaking at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday. All hope she will come again. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Dwight, £5; Towards shop and stall: Lady Cairns, Hon. Mrs. Hamilton-Russell, Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell, Mrs. Rowland Prothero, Miss Strangways and Miss Juliet Mansel.

Fri., Nov. 10.—Saw Close, 8 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 11.—Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Brailsford. Chair: Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 15.—Brunswick Place, At Home, Mrs. Mansel. Hostess: Miss Pope, 3.30 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 17.—Saw Close, 8 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 18.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Isabel Green. Chair: Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.

BRISTOL.
Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel., 1345. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Dove-Wilcox. Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Young.

Tickets for Lord Lytton's meeting on December 1 will be ready this week. Members are asked to do their utmost to sell all they can, as this meeting must be a great success. Instead of the usual At Home on Monday next there will be a work party (Fête and Fair) at the Shop. Tea will be served at 3.30. Will all members make a special effort to attend and bring others, as time is short and there is much work waiting to be finished off? Poster parade every Friday at 11 a.m. More Jumbles are needed. Please send all contributions to Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 7, Alexandra Road, Clifton. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. M.A. Young, £5; Miss E. Fussell, £1; Mrs. and Miss Powell, 2s.; Mrs. Thorne, 1s.; Miss Snook, 2s. 6d.; the Misses Evans, 1s.; Mrs. Dugdale, 2s. 6d.; Another, 1s.; Miss Blakemore, £1; collection, 10d.

still needs one or two more helpers for keeping the office. Miss Farmer has kindly taken charge of literature and VOTES FOR WOMEN, and will be very glad if all who can sell papers will communicate with her. Mon., Nov. 13.—3, Cookridge Street, sewing party, 7.30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 14.—3, Cookridge Street, At Home, Miss Annie Williams, 7.30-9.30 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth.

The At Home and Bazaar were most enjoyable. Members and friends were charmed by Mrs. Haverfield's illuminating speeches, and they also hope to have the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Anderson occupy the chair soon again. Most hearty thanks to Miss Norah Ball for so admirably arranging "How the Vote was Won." Much time and work must have been devoted to it, and the cast was admirably chosen. (It is hoped that this play will be performed in other parts of the district), also to Madame Marie Bellas for the very enjoyable programme she gave during the afternoon, and particularly to Miss Wilcox and her helpers for their splendid work behind the scenes all day. Will all members who can please attend and support Mrs. Crow on Wednesday next? It will be an opportunity of showing appreciation of Mrs. Crow's magnificent work in Jarro. Dr. Alice Burn was the speaker at the first At Home of the season in South Shields. Will members please send in the names of districts or streets they will undertake to canvass with the Women's Declaration? It is hoped that a large contribution will be sent up from this district for the war chest at the Albert Hall meeting on November 16. The organiser wishes to thank all those members who helped during her absence, and to Miss Eden, who kindly took her place at the Dunston I.L.P. Please note there will be no At Home at office on November 15.
Wed., Nov. 15.—Jarrow, annual social, 7.30-2 a.m.
Thur., Nov. 16.—Sunderland, St. Peter's Hall, Gwen Street, At Home, 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Office—26-28, Chapel Walk, Sheffield.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Coxhill.

Miss Vida Goldstein's meeting at the Cutlers' Hall was successful in every way. Her speech aroused great interest. The local press gave good reports. The drawing-room meetings arranged for her did good propaganda work, as a great many well-known "Annis" were there. Contributions towards Jumble Sale, which will take place early in December, will be gratefully received. The Sale of Work is postponed until the beginning of February.

YORK.

Office—8, New Street. Telephone, 622.
Organiser—Miss Key-Jones.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coulitate, 33, Melbourne Street. Very successful open-air meetings were addressed by Miss A. Suffield and Miss Key-Jones. Mrs. Coulitate gave an inspiring address at the weekly meeting on Friday. Mrs. Tindale kindly gave the weekly sewing meeting tea. This week's meeting has been postponed to Monday, Nov. 13. The organiser appeals for articles for the sale at Christmas, and more jumbies are urgently needed. Please volunteer for paper-selling, either from house-to-house or at a pitch. Helpers are wanted to canvass for Mr. Pethick Lawrence's meetings.

North-Western Counties.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Doreet Street, Haughton, Bolton.

Will members please hold in readiness any articles prepared for last year's intended Southport Sale of Work pending early arrangements for disposal? Mrs. Coope will be pleased to receive contributions to the fund, which it is proposed to expend in local propaganda work.
Mon., Nov. 13.—Heatherland, Speakers' Class, Mrs. F. W. Coope, 7.30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 17.—Tonge Moor Congregational School, Miss Bertha Lee, 7.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street. Tel.: 3761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss Davies.

Will every member devote as much time as possible from now to November 22 to making the Sun Hall demonstration known? A private reception (for members only) will be held on Tuesday, November 21. Time and place will be announced later. The guests of the evening will be Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Selina Martin, Miss Patricia Woodlock, and Miss Healiss.

MANCHESTER.

Office—32, King Street, W.
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Williamson.

Please communicate with Mrs. Smith in the matter of goods, money and service for the Sale of Work to be held December 2. On December 2 Mrs. Race will also dispose of the valuable lace bed-spread. Tickets, 6d., are now to be had at the office. Members and friends are invited to the office every Thursday.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—1, Post Office Avenue, Lord Street.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss G. Duxfield, 13, Ash Street, Southport.

A very interesting address was given at last Thursday's meeting by Mr. Allen Tracey, and it is hoped members will make a greater effort to attend

these meetings. The next will be Wednesday, November 15, when the Rev. Harry Youlden will speak on "School Clinics."

WALLASEY.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Burrough Bridge, Lancs., Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, St. Martin's Lane, Liverpool. Miss Patricia Woodlock gave a most interesting speech at the fortnightly meeting on Monday, October 30. Miss Lee was in the chair. Members are reminded that all Xmas Fair contributions must be sent to Miss Hoy before November 30. Will everyone do their utmost to make the donation a creditable one? The second of Mrs. Criddle's whisky parties in aid of the above was held at her residence on Thursday last, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

ABERDEEN.
Organiser—Miss Lillian Mitchell.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Emily Fussell, 42, Hartington Road

Members are asked to attend the Studio (very kindly lent by Miss Duff) on Monday (see below), in order to discuss future work. It is hoped that very shortly a shop and office will be obtained, but in the meantime all communications should be sent to above address. Helpers are wanted for paper selling and distributing handbills at open-air meetings.
Sat., Nov. 11.—South Silver Street, 8 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 13.—18, Hardgate, The Studio, 8 p.m.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser-Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

At Mrs. Henny's drawing-room meeting Mrs. Haverfield gained fresh sympathy and support for the cause, and new members were made. Many strangers in the evening audience in the Forrester's Hall were so deeply impressed by Miss Haverfield's speech that they took membership cards away with them. Many thanks to all who sent Jumble Sale goods, and to those who helped in pricing and selling; over £6 10s. was realised. The subject of Miss Hudson's lantern lecture (see below) will be "Sweated Industries and the Woman Suffrage Movement." Will members do their best to interest the unconvinced in this meeting, which is free? Subscriptions towards telephone expenses will be welcome.
Sat., Nov. 11.—Market Stall, 2 till 10 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 15.—Y.M.C.A. Upper Hall, Lantern Lecture, Miss Hudson, 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.
Shop Secretary—Miss Edith Hudson.
Organiser—Miss Lillian Mitchell. Tel.: 6182 Central.

At last Thursday's meeting in the Royal Hotel Saloon the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield spoke beautifully and touchingly on "Women's Need for the Vote." Miss Lee, Parish Councillor, was in the chair. The municipal canvass is going forward encouragingly; the great majority of municipal voters declare themselves in favour of giving tax-paying women the vote. It is expected that many new members will be gained as the result of this work. On Saturday, November 4, Mrs. Grieve very kindly gave a drawing-room meeting in the Parsonage Tea-rooms in Musselburgh; Mrs. Haverfield was again the speaker, and Mrs. Grieve presided. Whist Drive tickets, price 1s. 6d., can be procured at the office. Members are reminded that the date of the Jumble Sale is November 18. Goods may be sent at any time to 8, Melville Place. Members unable to send their contributions are asked to send a post-card notifying this not later than November 16, and they will be sent for. Mrs. Charlton asks for gifts of books for the Library.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street.
Tel.: 618, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wyllie.

The call for canvassers for municipal work has been nobly responded to, special thanks to those members who have braved the elements and done such good work in Maryhill (where Miss Wyllie addressed a most attentive audience) and Anderson Ward. In response to 25 letters addressed to candidates standing for the Town Council, 15 replies have been received; one and all give their hearty support to the Conciliation Bill. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's Stirling meeting was such a pronounced success that the organiser hopes that members in various outlying districts will arrange similar meetings in their local halls. Mrs. Maxwell Scott is arranging one in Balloch. Mrs. Haverfield's speeches were convincing in their direct simplicity and earnestness, and members were delighted to have her amongst them once more. Miss Wyllie spoke to a large and sympathetic audience of the United Irish League on Sunday. Miss Loga is warmly thanked for £1, also Mrs. Darnan, who sent £1 from Australia. The £25 acknowledged last week as from Mrs. Gibb should have been Miss Ellison Gibb.

Fri., Nov. 10.—Charing Cross Hall, Miss Abadam, Chair: Miss Parker, 3.15 p.m.; Balloch, Rhindall W. F. Hall, Miss Abadam, Chair: J. Scott Maxwell, Esq., 8 p.m.

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Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee,
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Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The subject for to-night will be the "New Amendments to the Insurance Bill Affecting Women" and next week "The Necessity for Including Women in the Home Rule Bill." Will members therefore kindly study the subject very carefully between now and then. Miss Lee's private classes (open to members of the W.S.P.U. only) take place every Tuesday at 7.45, and every Saturday at 4 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Ayerton at 41, Norfolk Square, W.

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
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3. Entrance fee, 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.
2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1214.
President—Mrs. Forbes Robertson.
Organising Secretary—Miss G. M. Conolan.

Not an empty seat was to be found in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant last Friday. The guests were welcomed by Miss Irene Vanbrugh, one of the charming Vice-Presidents of the League. Madame Alice Keay, who presided, expressed her intention of helping forward the Suffrage Cause by all the means in her power. Mrs. Stanbury, in an earnest and forceful speech, alluded to the work of women guardians, and stated her conviction that national evil can only be got rid of by organised national machinery, and site said "You must have your hand on the machines. If you don't help in national work you must hinder." She appealed to all present to join some organisation and to show the value of numbers. Lady Isabel Margesson reminded her hearers that representative government was England's gift to the world. It was said that not much had been done by sixty years' exercise of men's vote; but one must realise that it is only half a vote; what was needed was the work of men and women together. Lord Russell, in a witty and humorous speech, commented on the ease with which Mr. Lloyd George, in drafting the Insurance Bill, had only consulted the people whose opinions agreed with his own.

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Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.

In spite of the freezing gale a large crowd collected round the lorry to hear the speech of Mr. Ernest Duval in Hyde Park last Sunday. A few Albert Hall tickets are still left at 2s. 6d. each. Attention is especially drawn to the £100 and Fair report, page 90.

Treasurer's Note. The following donations have been gratefully received, and the Treasurer appeals for many more to carry on an active campaign—

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CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 15, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W.

Many thanks to the member who has generously contributed 5s. to the war chest! Donations of this kind are very welcome! Everyone should make a special point of attending the meeting at Clements Inn (Room 72), on Tuesday next, at 7 p.m. Speeches will be made on "The Value of the Vote to Women Clerks," and members are asked to bring as many friends as possible. Sellers are still wanted for the Ludgate Hill and Liverpool Street pitches.

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE.

Central Office: 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C. (Third Floor left). Hours 10 to 5, or by appointment with The Secretary, Mrs. Kinston Parkes. Tel. 3335: City.

On Monday, October 30, a crowd of Suffragists of all shades of opinion assembled at Hawking's Sale Rooms, Lisson Grove, Marylebone, to support Dr. Frances Ede and Dr. Amy Sheppard, whose goods were to be sold by public auction for Tax Resistance. By the courtesy of the auctioneer speeches were allowed, and Dr. Ede herself spoke of her conscientious objection to supporting Taxation without Representation, and told how women like herself and her partner felt that they must make this logical and dignified protest. As, however, it caused very considerable inconvenience and sacrifice to professional women, she trusted that this grave injustice would be speedily remedied. Mrs. Kinston Parkes spoke on behalf of those present who wished to express their sympathy and admiration for the women who are willing to face this ordeal in order to emphasise their sincerity and the urgency of their demand for the Vote. Three cheers were given for the doctors, and a procession with banners marched to Marble Arch. A brief meeting was held in Hyde Park, and the Resolution was passed unanimously. Meetings have been held during the past week and addressed by Mrs. Kinston Parkes for the Westminster W.S.P.U. and for the Southend branch. On Saturday last, Mrs. Harvey, of "Brackenhill," Highland Road, Bromley, Kent, gave a most successful drawing-room meeting to a new and appreciative audience. Mrs. Harvey, who is a loyal supporter of Tax Resistance and had a quantity of her household silver sold in June last, took this opportunity of placing before her friends and neighbours the many reasons which led her to take this action. Mr. Laurence Housman was the principal speaker. Mrs. Louis Fagan presided, and short speeches were also made by Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Mrs. Kinston Parkes. Sales are expected in Reading and Holborn during the coming week.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Celia Chapman.
Office—8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge, (opposite Tube Station).

During the past week two very successful meetings have been held. At Mrs. O'Mara's meeting on Monday, Mrs. Pertwee was the speaker, and Miss Mayo delighted the audience with recitations from Mrs. Gilman. At Hythe, on Wednesday last, a strong resolution, calling upon Sir Edward Sassoon to support the Conciliation Bill and to resist wrecking amendments, was passed unanimously. Since the meeting many new members have been made. Thanks to all those who so kindly sent jumble parcels, and to those who helped to sell. A substantial sum has been raised. Members must now concentrate on the Chritmas Sale. Intending donors are asked to concentrate on good artificial flowers, handkerchiefs, calendars, sweets, and preserved fruits. The speaker at the office at Home on Tuesday, November 14, at 4.15 p.m., will be Mr. W. L. George, author of "A Bed of Roses." Subject: "Sex, Morality, and the Vote." Hostess: Miss Porter.

At a debate at the Boscombe and Southbourne Debating Society, on Tuesday, Oct. 31, the motion "that women should have the Parliamentary Vote" was carried by a very large majority.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Antient Concert Buildings, Gt. Brunswick Street, Dublin.

Miss Laird, B.A., presided at the weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 31, at which Miss Jameson read a powerful paper dealing with the social evil and demonstrating the necessity of the protection of the vote for sweating women. She pleaded eloquently for a greater number of women inspectors, and especially for women inspectors of lodging houses, there being at present only male inspectors. Mrs. Kelly spoke of the necessity in politics of the woman's point of view, declaring it especially desirable under a new Home Rule Government. The chairman, in summing up, spoke of the present duty of women to keep a watchful eye upon male legislators, lest pledges and promises be forgotten. Women Suffragists, she wittily observed, have caught their leprechaun, but they have not yet got the pot of gold, and they must not lose sight of the wily sprite until he had delivered it up! First At Home of session will take place on Tuesday, November 14, at 8 p.m. Admission free to members and their friends. An interesting musical programme has been arranged.

BELFAST WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Office—22, Wellington Place, Belfast.
On Monday, November 13, Dr. Marion Andrews will speak at the Women's Conference lately held in Glasgow. Poster Parade on Wednesday, at 4; all information to be had at the office.

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Fri., Nov. 10.—Alan's, 263, Oxford Street, Rev. T. G. Cree, Mrs. A. J. Webb, Rev. A. H. Lee (chair), 3 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Muniford's Drawing-room Meeting, 41, Prince's Square, W.; Mrs. Cecil Chapman, 3.30 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 13.—Hove, Livingstone Road Assembly Rooms. Lantern Lecture by Mrs. Francis ("Women and Their Needs"), 8 p.m.

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An enthusiastic public meeting was held at Ilford, with Rev. W. T. Boyce, Rev. T. C. Poppleton, Miss H. Baker, and Mrs. Rogers as speakers. A debate was also held at the Highgate Congregational Church, opened by T. C. Mitchell, Esq. At Catford a new branch is started. Meetings are being planned in various provincial districts; particulars later. The hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Holman, is collecting subscriptions due, and would be glad to have them forwarded without special application.

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The canvas of the Welsh milkshops is leading to good results; many milkshops and similar businesses are being carried on by spinsters and widows who are very keen about Votes for Women. The men also are keen for the Conciliation Bill. Conciliation Bill leaflets were given out at Fulham Town Hall Concert, and repeated requests were made for extra copies to send to friends in the country. Will country members please send for badges? Colours, purple and gold.

Men's Leagues for Woman Suffrage now exist in thirteen States of the Union. California had three, at Los Angeles, San Francisco and San José. How pleasant it is to be able to speak of these in the past tense!

The California victory was celebrated at Vassar College by the undergraduate Suffragists who paraded the college grounds carrying "Votes for Women" banners.

MEETING AT INGATESTONE.

The Misses Rock held a successful drawing-room meeting at the Red House, Ingatestone, on November 1. The audience, numbering nearly fifty, came from all the surrounding districts to hear Miss Douglas-Smith, and were delighted with her speech and lucid explanation of the merits of the Conciliation Bill, and the danger of widening amendments. Interesting and intelligent questions were asked, and new members were enrolled before the end of the afternoon.

Further particulars of the W.S.P.U. canvass of candidates in the municipal election at York have reached us. All the candidates returned are in favour of the Conciliation Bill;

one candidate opposed to it was not returned. Members of the W.S.P.U. canvassed a large number of the women voters in the ward for which he stood, and he lost his seat.

The resolution from the Executive of the N.U.T. expressing sympathy with women members desiring the vote was passed at a large meeting of the E. Lambeth Teachers' Association on October 21, by the Lewisham Association of National Union of Teachers on November 3, and by the Dudley and Flint Branches of the N.U.T. on October 30, and has also been passed at Hull, Liverpool, Walthamstow, Exeter, Warwick, Hackney and by the teachers of the counties of Lancashire and Surrey.

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